



## Refugees from the Shouf may go home

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
and JOSHUA BRILLIANT

**METULLA.** — Moves to reopen the Lebanese coastal road and to allow the return to the Shouf of some 20,000 refugees got under way yesterday morning.

Under the agreement between Christian and Druze militias, Christian and Sunni Moslem refugees will be permitted to return to their homes in Iklim al-Haroub, Beirut newspapers said yesterday that the Israel Defence Forces sponsored the agreement.

Other sections of the accord envisage the Christians' withdrawing some of their artillery from the southern Shouf Mountains. According to the plan, the Druze will evacuate Halde and open the coastal road, and the Christians will take down their roadblocks between Damour and Beirut.

The 20,000 refugees have been living in schools and other public buildings in Tyre, Nabatieh and Jezzine, assisted by the IDF, which brought in tons of food.

It is still not clear how long it will take before all the refugees return to their homes.

The thaw in Druze-Christian relations is still in its early stages. Druze leader Walid Jumblatt has been talking to former president Camille Chamoun and has been willing to be in touch with other Christian leaders but not with President Amin Gemayel.

Moreover, it is enough for a Phalangist to open fire at a Druze position for fighting to break loose once again.

But in the long run a dialogue could be promising, because the Christians and Druze may both be concerned with potential Shiite encroachments.

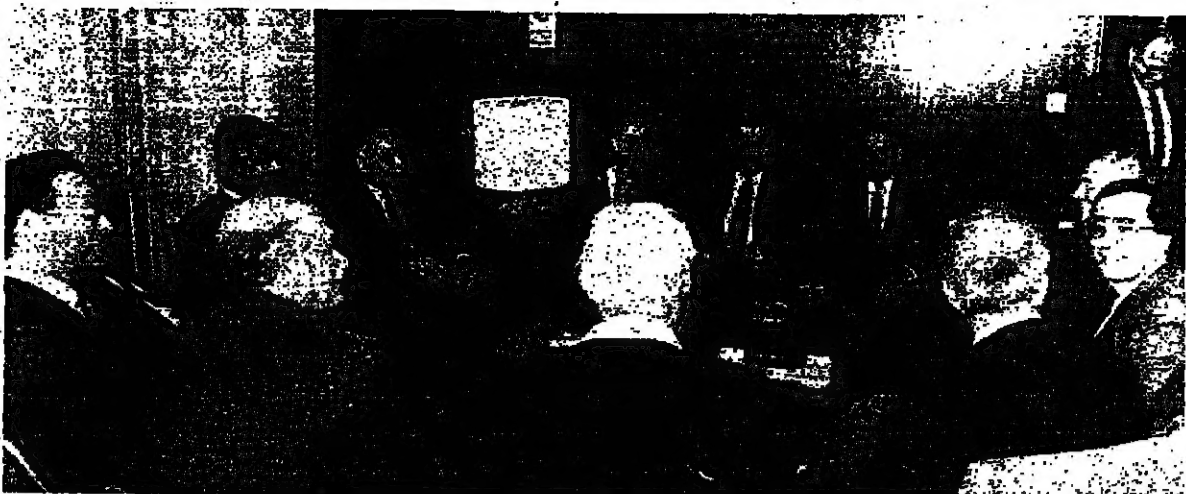
## Herzog arrives in London for visit

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**LONDON.** — Amid tight security, President Chaim Herzog and his wife Aura flew into Heathrow Airport yesterday afternoon at the start of their week-long visit as guests of the Jewish community. They were met by representatives of the queen and the Foreign Office, Ambassador and Mrs. Yehuda Avner, and a handful of leaders of the Jewish community.

The Herzogs arrived on an El Al flight. When it landed, a car drove onto the tarmac to pick them up and bring them to the VIP lounge where they chatted with the welcoming party for half an hour. Herzog commented that it was "nice to be back in London."

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Leaders of the Likud and the Labour Alignment, all smiles, meet yesterday in Jerusalem to decide on a date for the early elections.  
(Rahamim Israeli)

## After promise to prosecute doctors

## Shostak surprised by abortion row

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak expressed surprise yesterday at the uproar following his promise to Agudat Yisrael to crack down on illegal abortions.

Shostak on Monday promised Agudat Yisrael Knesset Member Shlomo Lorincz that he will ask police to prosecute doctors performing abortions other than those authorized by the special abortion-request boards.

Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron (Likud-Liberals) yesterday confronted Shostak and exchanged sharp words with him. Doron said that the idea of sending the police to check on doctors is scandalous, and that if the special request boards "do their job properly" there is no need for such action.

Shostak replied that "Agudat Yisrael has the right to demand the enforcement of this law, as all other laws are enforced, and that if there are those who want to claim that it is a political act let them."

Speaking later in the Knesset, Shostak said that he had only asked Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivzani to investigate complaints received about illegal abortions.

The message Shostak seemed to be delivering to the Knesset was that there will be no campaign against doctors who perform illegal abortions.

Shostak intervened in the debate on benefits paid to new mothers in reply to Yair Tsaban (Alignment-Mapam), who had used the debate to attack the government for sur-

rendering to Agudat Yisrael pressure.

MK Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement) said that the very idea of prosecuting doctors "is a sign of a police state in the service of the clergy."

Also yesterday, the Israel Medical Association (IMA) contacted Shostak and termed the whole operation, "a political maneuver and a persecution of the doctors." The IMA said that unless Shostak retreats from this position, it will "take steps to defend the doctors."

The Israel Association of Social Workers and Shilo, the Family Planning Council, expressed their opposition to prosecuting doctors and said that the whole matter is a waste of money and manpower. The

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## Small parties extract funds at last minute

Post Economic Reporter

The Finance Ministry will add some IS2 billion to the Agriculture Ministry budget to help moshavim in financial troubles. This was agreed on yesterday by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Knesset member Eliezer Avtavi of the National Religious Party.

The agreement made it possible for Avtavi to vote for the Agriculture Ministry budget in the Knesset Finance Committee.

Avtavi said after the committee meeting that aid to citrus exporters was still pending. Nevertheless, he said that a letter from Cohen-Orgad containing a promise of help for moshavim had convinced him to support the budget.

Cohen-Orgad was apparently very generous distributing promises. Agudat Yisrael was promised some IS1b. for yeshivot, and this enabled MK Shlomo Lorincz to support the Religious Ministry budget proposal in the committee, of which he is chairman.

Tami was less lucky. The IS300 million it demanded for the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry budget was not granted by the Treasury. MK Aaron Ahubazteira therefore preferred to vote on the issue with the opposition, making a 10-to-10 tie in the committee. The tie vote makes it necessary for the House plenum to decide on the ministry budget.

## Shamir denies bid to exploit Gaon's influence on Tami

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Mapam Knesset Member Victor Shemtov said yesterday that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan, and Swiss millionaire Nessim Gaon could not all be speaking the truth, since Shamir had totally contradicted Uzan and Gaon.

Shemtov asked Shamir in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee whether Uzan and Gaon lied in their allegation that Shamir had sent message to Gaon asking him to persuade the Tami Party to oppose early elections.

Shemtov said that Shamir reportedly asked the Israeli ambassador to Paris, Ovadia Sofer, to approach Gaon during his visit to Brussels. Both Uzan and Gaon have confirmed that Sofer contacted Gaon in Geneva, saying he was speaking on Shamir's behalf, to ask Gaon to use his influence with Tami.

Tami has been financed mainly by Gaon since its inception in 1981. Shamir said the allegations were totally without foundation. He spoke to Sofer in Brussels but not about the elections, Shamir said.

Shemtov said the affair is an affront to all administrative principle and propriety.

## French attaché shot on street in Beirut

**BEIRUT (AP).** — Gunmen shot and wounded the French cultural attaché in West Beirut yesterday, while renewed bombardment injured 20 civilians, including six children, in the Christian half of the embattled Lebanese capital.

The French ferry, l'Estérel, meanwhile sailed away with a second load of French peace-keeping troops, bringing to about 500 the number who have departed in the evacuation of France's multinational force contingent.

President Amin Gemayel plans to announce the formation of a "higher security-political committee" within 24 hours to make final arrangements for a takeover of French positions by Lebanese police to avert a new full-scale round of civil war, government sources said.

A French embassy source said about 40 French troops observers are expected to arrive "soon" to help monitor a new cease-fire and disengagement of combatants along the "green line" that splits Beirut into Moslem and Christian sectors. Administration sources also said that U.S. Middle East Special En-

voy Donald Rumsfeld is expected in Beirut today for talks with Gemayel on efforts to defuse Lebanese tensions.

Lebanon was excluded from Rumsfeld's itinerary when he set out on his Middle East swing last week. No U.S. Embassy spokesmen here were available for comment.

The attempt on French cultural attaché Sauveur Gliozzo's life occurred as the 56-year-old diplomat was walking to work from home shortly before 8 a.m. in West Beirut's Hamra shopping district.

He was about two blocks from the barbed-wire-topped walls of the French Embassy in Rue Clemenceau when gunmen in a car fired a hail of bullets from silencer-equipped pistols, wounding Gliozzo in the stomach, thigh, side and forehead, witnesses said.

Doctors removed a bullet that caused a severe hemorrhage from Gliozzo's stomach in a five-hour operation, and told his wife afterwards that he was doing fine in the recovery room.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attempted assassination.

## Soldier wounded

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**METULLA.** — An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded yesterday evening, when his patrol came under RPG and small-arms fire just south of Ansariya on the western front. He was treated on the spot.

Also in the morning, Israeli security forces found a sack full of grenades and other explosive devices at Sidon's southern approaches. They detonated the explosives harmlessly.

Later in the day, a grenade was thrown at an Israel Defence Forces patrol in the centre of Sidon. No one was hurt. IDF units and Christian militia men searched the area.

## Iraq claims sinking two naval targets

**BAGHDAD (Reuters).** — Iraq said last night its Super Etendard fighter bombers destroyed two "large naval targets" southeast of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal yesterday afternoon.

Iraq took delivery of five Super Etendard aircraft equipped with Exocet missiles from France last autumn. This is the first time that Baghdad has reported them in action during the war with Iran.

## El Al expects early return of strike-breakers from U.S.

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — El Al President Rafi Harlev said yesterday evening that the national carrier is preparing to recall the 22 employees sent to New York to help break a strike among American ground-crew workers against the airline.

"We will return the Israelis the minute we are ready to provide the services without them — and that will not take long," he told The Jerusalem Post during a reception marking the arrival of El Al's third Boeing 767 here. The strike-breakers, who possess American passports, will be returned gradually, he said, hinting that they would be replaced by American workers.

El Al has been under quiet Histadrut pressure to end the strike, and especially the involvement of employees sent from Israel to break it. The strike has been a source of unease to Histadrut leaders because of its warm relations with American unions.

The strike broke out about a fortnight ago over management's demands to fire more than 20 employees, cut pay by 10 per cent, change shifts and make employees fill several jobs. These and other measures were to save the company \$2 million a year, Harlev said.

In a telephone conversation with The Post yesterday, Al Hanson, press liaison of the Washington-based International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), said that his union had received cables of solidarity from Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and Israel Metalworkers Union Secretary Yitzhak Giladi. The cables said that the Histadrut is taking the matter up with El Al.

Hanson added that AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and IAM president Wimpie Singer had asked the Histadrut to reciprocate the support their unions had given to the Israeli labour federation over the years and to end international strike-breaking.

## Likud, Labour leaders approach accord on date

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

Likud and Alignment leaders met for two hours yesterday evening in an unsuccessful effort to agree on an election date.

They haggled in a good-humoured manner over dates ranging from May to November. At the same time, they hinted plainly that the date will be either in the first half of July or in the first half of September, with the Alignment plumping for the early date and the Likud for the later date.

More than a dozen party leaders attended, with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir heading the Likud team and Labour chairman Shimon Peres heading the Alignment team. The statements from each side showed they were gradually moving towards agreement.

Likud and Alignment leaders will meet this morning at 9 a.m. and the possibility of an agreement today — the last day of the Knesset's winter session — cannot be ruled out.

Both Shamir and Peres kept up the bargaining in a friendly atmosphere, with mutual hints that the elections could eventually lead to a wall-to-wall government, in which they would all have to work amicably together.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim told The Jerusalem Post that after he realized that the size of the group would prevent a quick agreement, he tried to arrange a tete-a-tete between Shamir and Peres, but this proved impossible.

The Alignment people present, while stressing that a majority of the plenum with the earliest possible date, realized that the government has the power — because of the recess — to make a May or June date impossible.

Labour's Yitzhak Rabin said that postponing the decision on the date till after the recess would leave six weeks of lack of clarity and generate public demoralization.

Labour's Knesset faction chairman Moshe Shahal urged July 3 as "a final offer." Circles in Labour hinted to The Post however, that this was a Labour ploy to settle finally on July 10 as the date of the election, if the Likud could be got to budge a bit more.

Advertising companies have already offered both sides deals to handle their campaigns, it was learned.

Earlier, the Knesset Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee discussed the election bills, without making any progress towards action on them.

## Navon back from U.S., keeps them guessing

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Yitzhak Navon returned to the thick of Israeli politics yesterday afternoon, thereby ending the cooling-off period he imposed on himself on completing his term as president last May.

But Navon still refused to spell out his intentions, saying only that he would join the efforts to replace the present government. He would not comment about the position he would seek for himself in the Labour hierarchy.

Navon returned from Montreal, after a tour of North and South America.

Sources close to Navon told The Jerusalem Post last night that in all likelihood he will not challenge Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres for the party leadership. The sources said that Navon might not even receive a less senior position.

According to these sources, they have been lobbying with Peres on Navon's behalf for the past few days. They demanded that he be of-

ficially named the party's number-two man and promised the posts of deputy prime minister and foreign minister. They also demanded that he be given responsibility for the autonomy negotiations if Labour comes to power.

Peres, however, is reported to have turned down the demands, explaining that he has already promised the foreign affairs portfolio to Abba Eban, who is also likely to be responsible for the autonomy talks. According to the reports, Peres thinks that Navon is better suited to deal with internal problems. However, he was not averse to putting Navon in second slot on Labour's Knesset list and ear-marking the position of deputy-prime minister for him.

Peres' replies are said to have disappointed Navon's Labour backers. They expected Peres to accede to their demands in order to form a unified team for the elections and avoid a challenge to his own position. Many of Navon's backers say

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## Treasury to lay out IS1b. for party election expenses

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

Every Knesset Member will entitle his party to IS8,926,740 in state financing of the forthcoming elections.

The total bill to the Treasury will thus come to IS1,071,208,800. In addition, each party is permitted to accept campaign contributions of up to one and a half times its funding.

The one-man factions of Yigael Hurvitz (Rafi) and Mordechai Ben-Porat (Telem-Movement for Zionist Renewal) will each receive one

financing unit. So will Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement.

Rabbi Haim Druckman (Matzad), who never was granted the status of a one-man faction but only that of "an independent member," will receive a financing unit only if he heads a list of his own. (The National Religious Party, which he left, continues to receive current expenses for six MKs, although its strength is down to five.)

Shinui's Mordechai Virshubski has announced his intention to write to the Finance Committee and to all

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## UN team confirms: poison gas used against Iranians

**UNITED NATIONS (AFP).** — UN experts sent to Iran confirmed on Monday night that poison gas has been used against Iranian forces in its war with Iraq.

The report by four international experts, which has been published by the UN, determines that mustard gas and a nerve gas known as Tabun have been used against the Iranians. Iraq has been condemned by several countries for using the poison gas in Iran.

In an introduction to the report, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar expresses "sorrow" at the use of these gases and recalls that he condemned their use several weeks ago.

The experts who wrote the report are toxicologists from Australia, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden.

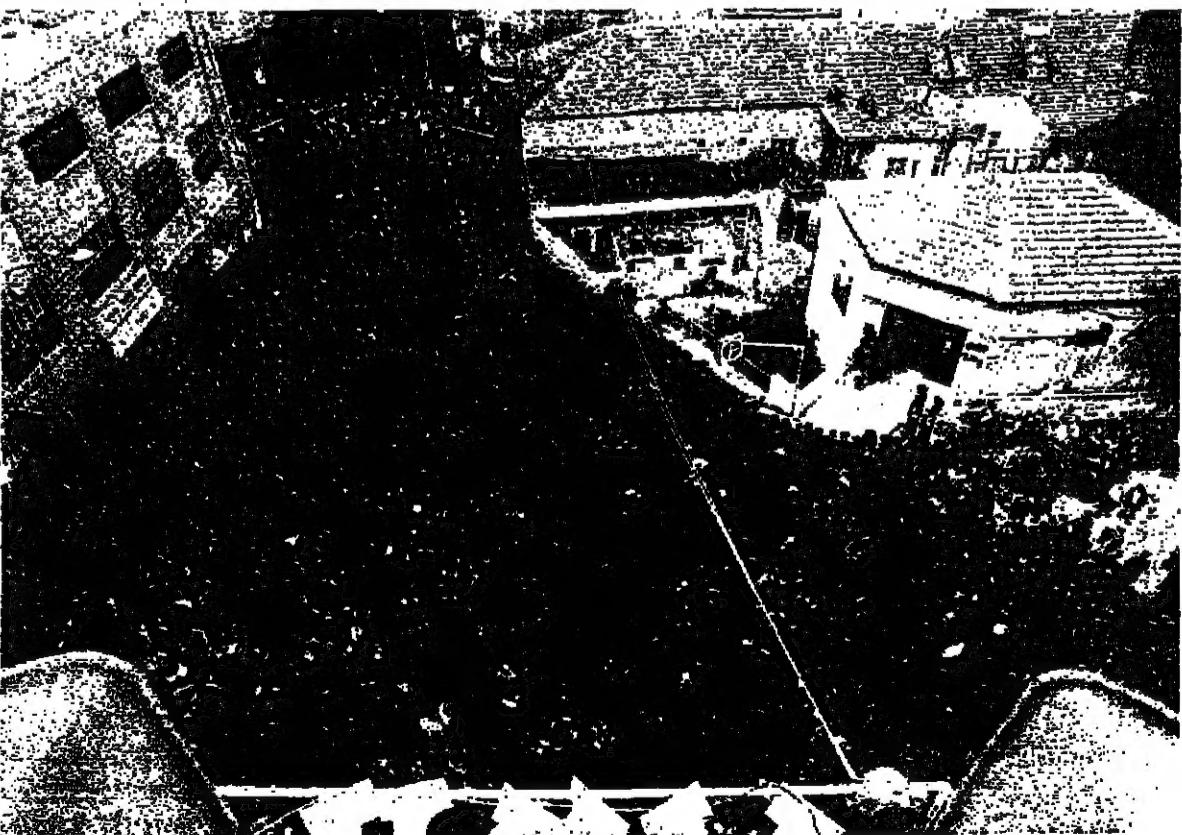
The report also noted that "It was impossible to determine the extent of the use of these chemical substances, within the framework of the time and resources we had at our disposal."

The report was compiled following a 10-day investigation in Iran. It leaves no doubt that the 1925 Geneva Convention ban on such weapons has been violated by Iraq. The convention banned the use of chemical or bacteriological weapons, and Iraq is a signatory.

The report's findings confirm those of European doctors who have been treating Iranian wounded.

Perez de Cuellar submitted the report to members of the Security Council, which then convened to discuss it. U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick reiterated that the U.S. considers the use of chemical weapons "a grave problem." Washington condemned Iraq on the issue two weeks ago.

Iranian officials announced last week that 2,700 Iranian soldiers had been wounded by chemical weapons along the southern front during the past month, more than 40 of whom had died.



Some of the more than 30,000 Orthodox demonstrators who demonstrated in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter yesterday. Story, Page 2.  
(J.S. Fishman)

## In unpublished report

## American expert savages work of Project Renewal

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Much of the construction undertaken by Project Renewal is poorly planned, implemented and supervised, according to an unpublished internal report that is in the possession of The Jerusalem Post.

Asked to comment yesterday on the report, Project Renewal Department head Yitzhak Shavit said that the report has not been made public because it is a private

study commissioned by his department. He said that the report is "objective" and very helpful, though not all its recommendations can be implemented.

Shavit stressed that the report was accepted by his department and the Israel Education Fund, and that measures were taken to implement some recommendations. "It's part of the game," he said. "We have to improve ourselves."

The report was prepared last October by David Gildin, a Bangkok-

based American construction expert. He undertook his study at the invitation of Project Renewal director-general Gideon Vitkon. Gildin spent a month in Israel, and visited 45 projects, ranging from those in the planning stage to those already completed.

Gildin's report is sharply critical of much of the work done by the Jerusalem Corporation, the Israel Education Fund and Diyar Laoleh. Only the Tel Aviv Corporation comes in for praise. The work car-

ried out in Tel Aviv, Gildin says, "seemed to be a good combination of structures which were functional, and of good architectural design." In addition, the cost of those structures "seemed reasonable."

(The Jerusalem Corporation and the Tel Aviv Corporation were especially set up by the Jewish Agency to serve as contractors, as it were, for Project Renewal construction in those localities.)

Much of the building in the rest of the country comes in for harsh

criticism. While stressing that a number of the projects were built well and at reasonable cost, Gildin points to "numerous" deficiencies in planning, design and construction. In fact, he says, "there were communities which specifically asked that work not be given to Diyar Laoleh because of their poor performance."

The "Edifice" complex, Gildin says, is present in Israel with building being constructed to

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FRANKFURT	4 39	13 55	Rain
GENEVA	3 37	9 48	Clear
HELSINKI	7 19	1 30	Snow
HONG KONG	17 63	22 72	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	13 55	28 77	Clear
LISBON	9 48	16 61	Cloudy
LONDON	5 41	11 52	Cloudy
MADRID	2 36	12 54	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-6 18	1 34	Clear
NEW YORK	2 28	11 52	Clear
OSLO	2 27	9 22	Cloudy
PARIS	6 43	11 52	Rain
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SAO PAULO	19 66	24 75	Clear
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

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Jerusalem	46	4-14	13
Golan	67	6-14	16
Nahariya	64	4-13	19
Safed	57	12-18	19
Haifa Port	57	10-22	21
Tiberias	53	8-16	18
Nazareth	53	10-20	21
Afula	55	8-16	18
Shomron	63	11-19	21
Tel Aviv	48	11-18	21
B-G Airport	45	15-22	23
Jericho	41	14-18	20
Gaza	40	7-18	21
Beersheba	40	11-18	26
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## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Scholarships will be awarded at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting at the Nof hotel, 1 p.m. today.

Jerusalem Rotary meets for a business meeting at 1 p.m. in the YMCA today.

## Marriage

Shari (nee Yogman) and Eran Glago yesterday in Jerusalem.

## 2-engine El Al jet crosses Atlantic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A specially designed El Al Boeing 767ER, flying from Montreal to Tel Aviv on Monday evening, becoming the first commercial non-stop trans-Atlantic flight of a two-engine jetliner.

The flight was partly to deliver the airline's third Boeing 767, but was also used to demonstrate that a twin-engine plane can be used for long hauls. The Montreal-Tel Aviv run took 11 hours.

Use of such a plane is considered highly economical, and El Al officials said the plane would be useful when bookings for such flights do not warrant using a four-engine 747 jumbo jet.

Addressing reporters during the flight Richard W. Welch, the President of Boeing Commercial, heralded the event as introducing a new era in flying. He said that if planes are allowed to fly within 90 minutes from an airport they could fly nearly all commercial routes.

The flight pattern was determined by U.S. Federal regulations that insist that no twin-engine plane be further than an hour's flight — with a single engine — from an operational airport.

## TREASURY

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Knesset faction chairmen urging them to agree to a 50 per cent cut. So far the only MK who has announced his support of such a move is Herut's Micha Reisser, who about a year ago submitted several bills designed to shorten the election-campaign period, shorten television time given to candidates, and to limit TV campaign presentations to appearances by the candidates themselves.

The Finance Committee has the right to change the financing unit, and its word is final.

In the Tenth Knesset elections in 1981, five parties exceeded their legal limit on outside contributions.

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Tomorrow, Civil Defence Exercise in Haifa Area

A Civil Defence (Haga) exercise will be held in the Haifa area tomorrow, March 29. During the course of the exercise, there will be simulated firing and explosions, and the all clear will be sounded. In case of an actual alert, siren sounds will be on an ascending/descending scale.

## HOME NEWS

### Avrushmi stands trial, denies killing Grunzweig

By MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than a year after Emil Grunzweig was killed by a grenade at a Peace Now rally, Yona Avrushmi went on trial yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court accused of his murder.

Avrushmi, who is also accused of attempted murder, denied the charges — but only after he asked to postpone his plea and was told that he could not do so without harming his case.

Avrushmi's lawyer, Aharon Bruchin, opened the proceedings before District Court Judges Eliahu Noam, Zvi Tal and Ya'acov Bazak by asking for a long postponement. He said he wanted the full names and addresses of the four General Security Services men who are due to testify against his client. Bruchin said that as far as he knew, at least 10 security men questioned Avrushmi and he wishes to know all the details of their interrogation. He also alleged that there is a great deal of material he has not been permitted to see, which could be pertinent to his defence.

Bruchin was asked yesterday if his client has an alibi for the time of the murder. He said that at that time, Avrushmi had left his parents' home in the German Colony at about 3 p.m. and then taken two buses to Neve Ya'acov, where, with his wife, he had watched the Israel Television's 9-9.30 p.m. *Mabat* news programme's live coverage of the scene after the grenade was thrown. "I deny all the charges, it is all libel," Avrushmi said.

The state has summoned more than 40 witnesses to prove that it is Avrushmi who threw the grenade that killed Grunzweig and injured 10 other persons on the night of February 10, 1983.

District Attorney Asher Palgi, answering Bruchin's argument for postponing the hearings, said the defence lawyer has all the material collected up to March 16. The rest of the material, he said, covers only six or seven pages. The case will be resumed next month.

Palgi also confirmed that the



Yona Avrushmi arrives for his trial at the Jerusalem District Court yesterday. (Rahamim Israel)

prosecution has a new state witness, Pinhas Ovdiash. According to pre-trial reports, Ovdiash, accused of being a minor member of the Katamon gang that is also on trial, secretly recorded a conversation with Avrushmi while both were in the same cell in a police lock-up. In this conversation, Avrushmi reportedly asked Ovdiash to plant a grenade in the place he had told police interrogators he had hidden the grenade he bought from Amos Shenguloff. This was allegedly to strengthen Avrushmi's contention that he never used the grenade he bought from Shenguloff.

Palgi also said that Shenguloff will be a regular witness for the prosecution without any of the special protection accorded to state witnesses.

### UK, Jordan 'not discussing arms sales'

AMMAN (Reuters). — Britain's Minister of State for Middle East Affairs Richard Luce, here with Queen Elizabeth on her state visit to Jordan, had talks lasting more than an hour with the Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher al-Masri yesterday on the Middle East and bilateral links.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra said they discussed ways of developing relations as well as reviewing world affairs and the Middle East situation.

It made no mention of a possible British missile sale to Jordan, and a British official said such subjects

are not usually raised on a royal visit.

The BBC said yesterday that a Belfast firm hoped to sell Javelin missiles to Jordan following the U.S. decision not to provide King Hussein with anti-aircraft Stinger missiles.

The queen, who arrived here Monday at the start of a five-day visit — the first by a British monarch, toured Hussein's stables yesterday. She was presented with a saddle.

The queen and her husband, Prince Philip, also visited Jordan's main hospital outside Amman.

### ABORTION ROW

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groups proposed instead a better birth-control service and a more liberal abortion-request committee.

Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky and other Na'amat members will go to jail with any doctor arrested for performing an abortion, Lubelsky said yesterday. She said there is no legal basis for Shostak's instruction to the police to arrest doctors who perform abortions. Such an order, she said, un-

dermines democracy and the parliamentary process.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Haim Corfu promised yesterday that he will crack down on the bus cooperatives if they operate on the Sabbath in violation of the law.

Speaking on the radio newsreel, Corfu said that he understands the pressure on him by Agudat Yisrael Knesset members, who fear that his ministry has become lax on this issue.

### HERZOG

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This morning he will receive the first of a series of delegations of Jewish communal leaders, starting with the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Zionist Federation. Later in the morning, he will unveil a plaque on a house in Mayfair where Sir Moses Montefiore lived. Tomorrow he will meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street.

Herzog was seen off at Ben-Gurion Airport earlier in the day by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, who is now acting president, and other dignitaries.

In a statement before boarding the plane, Herzog said that his main concern while in Great Britain will be to influence public opinion in Israel's favour.

### Tractor driver killed by train

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A member of Kibbutz Hahotrim, Yuval Kalai, was killed yesterday afternoon when the tractor he was driving was hit by a train at a railway crossing near the kibbutz, Kalai, 23, died instantly.

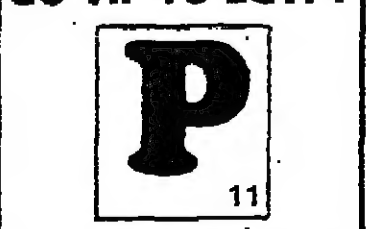
The police said the accident occurred along the stretch of road leading from the kibbutz, 10 kilometres south of Haifa, to the sea. The crossing point has a warning bell and a red stop light, which both were reportedly working at the time of the accident.

### One dead, nine injured in 2 road accidents

A 78-year-old man died after being hit by a van in Ashkelon last night. He is Lev Guttman, who was hit as he crossed the road. He died in the hospital.

In Western Galilee, nine persons were injured, one of them seriously, when the three cars they were riding in collided with two horses, and then crashed into each other. They were all taken to Nahariya hospital. (f.m.)

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### Grupper defends land plan against election-ploy charge

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper said yesterday he will press on with his scheme to re-allocate 800,000 dunams of state land, currently rented by veteran kibbutzim, moshavim and private farmers. Rejecting charges that this is an election ploy, Grupper said that it is a move in favour of "social justice," which he had been planning for some time.

Kibbutz-movement sources charged that the minister was trying to split the mostly Labour-affiliated

moshavim and kibbutzim in a pre-election ploy.

Alignment Knesset Member Ra'anun Na'im, himself a member of a moshav in Galilee, agreed with the minister that there was injustice in the distribution of land. He asserted that there had been discrimination against the newer moshavim in favour of the kibbutzim and veteran moshavim.

But he said it is an extremely complicated issue. "It cannot be settled three months before an election, and if Grupper thinks it can, he is not serious," he declared on

Kol Yisrael radio.

The 800,000 dunams in question are all over the country. They are leased from the Israel Lands Authority by their present tenants on annual basis. Another six million dunams of agricultural land are held on long-term leases.

Grupper maintained that all he wishes is to "hand out the nation's land in a more just manner." He said it is a "hot issue," which his predecessors feared to touch.

He noted that, whereas kibbutzim often have factories, moshavim need the agricultural land for their

livelihood.

In a related development, Tnuat Hamoshavim, the Labour-dominated movement representing most of the country's moshavim, harshly criticized the agriculture minister.

The movement's secretariat accused Grupper of misleading the public, indulging in self-advertisement and making promises, which he did not keep, to several groups. The statement said that Grupper is responsible for "the ruin of Israeli agriculture."

### New nationalist bloc mooted for the 'coming elections'

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An effort may be launched this week to form a nationalist electoral bloc for the Knesset elections. According to the plan, it would comprise the Likud, Tehiya, former chief of staff Rafael Eitan's Tzomet, the National Religious Party, Matzad and other splinters of the National Religious camp, like the Gush Emunim segment that supports former Tehiya Knesset member Hanan Porat.

The unity initiative is being pushed by the Likud's La'am faction, whose four MKs — Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, Ehud Olmert, Yigal Cohen and Avraham Hirschenson — plan to meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and lobby on behalf of their idea. They will ask him to call representatives of the various parties and groups together to establish the bloc.

Their argument is that such a bloc might do better as a united entity than if each of its components runs separately and vies against the other for the same votes.

But there are other opinions. In Herut it is argued that such a bloc would garner no more votes than would go to Herut alone and that all the MKs elected on other lists would be freeloaders at Herut's expense, just as the Liberals have been since 1965. Moves are already afoot in Herut to abrogate the 1965 Gahal agreement, which fixed the ratio of Liberal to Herut MKs and resulted in what is generally considered to be

over-representation for the Liberals, whose vote-getting potential is regarded as quite low.

The Liberals are not enthusiastic about a nationalist bloc on the grounds that their bargaining power in the Likud would be even further reduced. But the Liberals are maintaining a low profile, fearing a Herut backlash.

Shamir himself is reported not to be averse to the idea, and may ask the La'am MKs to look further to the possibility of establishing the proposed bloc. La'am and Herut last night agreed that La'am would merge with Herut within two weeks.

In Tehiya, the notion of a united electoral front has already been broached by former Herut activist MK Geula Cohen. But the idea has met with considerable opposition.

The idea is also not regarded too favourably in the NRP. The fear there is that the party would disappear and its religious character would be dissolved in the secular-nationalist majority of the bloc. Moreover, it will be more difficult for the NRP to pursue its own power demands after the election if they are tied down in a wider Knesset list. But the NRP's ultimate attitude to such a bloc may depend on how the party fares in the efforts underway to heal its internal rifts.

Tzomet has yet to decide whether to remain a purely ideological circle to take part in the elections as a new party, or team up with another party, such as Tehiya to form a single ticket.

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they will seek to convince him to seek Labour's number-one position.

Peres told a group of supporters last night that in the next few days he will make "most strenuous efforts to solve all personal problems at the party hierarchy, so that Labour fields a united team in the elections."

The most "important task before us now is to prevent a showdown for the party leadership," Peres said. He was talking to branch representatives, all of whom expressed support for him as prime minister.

However, there is no certainty that Navon intends to seek the Labour leadership. In the past he has explained that he would not like to come out against Peres, and that he would accept the leadership only if the offer came to him as part of a unified party consensus.

Peres has repeated recently that he has no intention of voluntarily yielding his position. He argued that having weathered years of hardship at the party helm, it would now be grossly unfair to demand that he step down and hand over the leadership when things are finally

beginning to look up.

Navon will take up the question of his position in the Labour leadership with Peres, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev this week, possibly today.

On his return, Navon said that "seeking the party leadership is not an end in itself. The main objective is to remove the present government from power. All else is secondary to this aim. Our task now will be to find the most efficient means to further this primary objective." He added that he personally "will not constitute a problem in the putting together of the party's leadership team."

In the Knesset yesterday, the office of Labour Knesset Member Uzi Baram became an improvised campaign headquarters for Navon. Baram has become the address for all those who would like to see Navon run for the premiership and he has been getting mail and calls from a number of kibbutzim offering to help in a Navon-for-Premier campaign, as well as from individuals offering to demonstrate outside Navon's home to urge him to run.

### Bill boosts benefits to mothers of twins

A woman who gives birth to twins will be entitled to two additional weeks of leave and of the maternity allotment, under an amendment to the National Insurance Law that passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The bill, presented by Deputy Social Affairs Minister Benzion Rubin, also grants an additional

monthly allowance for six months to a woman who gives birth to more than two children in one birth.

The amendment provides for the automatic updating of the real value of the maternity grant and the 12-week maternity allotment, and extends the right to the allotment to seasonal workers.

### Orthodox rally in Jerusalem on abortion, Shabbat

By MICHAEL EILAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 30,000 Orthodox Jews gathered in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon to demonstrate against abortions, Sabbath desecration and the excavations of graves.

The rally was an imperative show of unity for its organizers, Gur Hassidim, as it brought together a large part of the Council of Tora Sages and all four Agudat Yisrael Knesset members.

Traffic was stopped as the mass of men dressed in black crowded "Kikar Hashabbat", the lower parts of Strauss and Yeshayahu streets and Rehov M'ea She'anim. A very large crowd of women collected in Rehov Yehzekel, the continuation of Rehov Strauss.

"You'll see, in another 20 years all of Israel will be like this," said one man as crowds of people

poured into the main arena of the rally. "Then all we'll have left is a small ghetto of secular people."

The rally was exceptionally well organized, with hardly any of the disturbances that usually occur when such a large crowd gathers. Yeshiva students kept an eye on the crowd from the rooftops and whispered into walkie-talkies.

The opening address was given by Rabbi Avraham Leiberson, a Jerusalem municipal councillor. He added an extra element to the three basic issues behind the rally by calling for the release of David Ehrenfeld and Meir Agassi, the two Haredim (ultra-Orthodox) on trial for allegedly disinterring the body of Teresa Angelovici from the Rishon Lezion cemetery, presumably because they thought she was not Jewish.

The crowd then prayed and read Psalms for about an hour and a half.

### Burg calls for keeping religious status quo

Post Knesset Reporter

Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday that maintenance of the religious status quo is the only thing that can save Israel from a *Kulturkampf*. Burg was speaking during the budget debate on his ministry's activities.

Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Alignment-Labour) criticized Burg for not addressing himself to the real question — how the Orthodox and non-Orthodox can live together.

Citizens Rights Movement) asked Burg why he acted merely as a "channel" for transmitting funds to yeshivot, without bothering to investigate their character, notably their anti-Zionist and anti-military service views.

Elazar Granot (Alignment-Mapam) said that although its title is "Ministry for Religious Affairs," the ministry devotes itself almost exclusively to one religion. It is ridiculous that the director of the Moslem department is a Jew, he said.

### Israel Embassy in Argentina 'saved hundreds of Jews'

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Israel Embassy in Argentina, under the present ambassador, Dov Shmora, and under his predecessor, the late Ram Nirgad, "saved hundreds of Jews" from disappearance and probable death, Knesset Member Rabbi Menahem Hacohen said yesterday.

With the three other members of the recent Knesset delegation to Argentina concurring, Hacohen warmly praised the work of the embassy in regard to the *desaparecidos* and their families during the junta years.

Hacohen also noted that, while he was sometimes doubtful about arms sales, Israel's sale of weapons to Argentina had been "morally sound," because "through that many were saved."

The delegation members — Uzi Baram and Hacohen of the Alignment, Geula Cohen of Tehiya, and Dror Zeigerman of the Likud — reported on their missions yesterday to *desaparecidos* family activists in Israel and to representatives of the news media.

All four said they regretted that their visit had been curtailed because of the Knesset dissolution vote last Thursday. But they said most of their programme related to the *desaparecidos* issue had been completed and Hacohen would return, perhaps next week, to attend further meetings with mothers, both Jewish and Gentile, of missing persons.

Hacohen may also meet with President Raoul Alfonsín — one of the political meetings the delegation had to cancel because of its premature departure.

### Two bombs safely dismantled in J'lem

Two relatively large bombs were discovered and safely dismantled yesterday in Jerusalem prompting the police to issue a new caution to the public to beware of suspicious objects.

Both bombs were found by passersby. The first was found by a bus driver who saw a suspicious package at the last stop of the number 6 line in Talpiot. He called the police who dealt with the bomb with the remote-control "robot", police spokesman Rafi Levy said.

The second, and larger, bomb was found by a passerby near the Tumarkin peace monument above the Jerusalem Cinematheque. Traffic was stopped along a long stretch of the Hebron Road as police rushed to the scene. This bomb also was safely dismantled.

Jerusalem District Police Commander Tal-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort yesterday again urged the public to take care. He stressed that people should not hesitate to call the police even if they have only the slightest suspicion about a package.



Police sapper dismantles bomb found near the Cinematheque in Jerusalem yesterday. (Yitzhak Elharar)

### Shostak gets deadline from hospital staff

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The staff of the Rothschild Hospital threatened yesterday to begin a phased shutdown of the hospital unless Health Minister Eliezer Shostak gives a written commitment to continue funding the west-wing project.

"We have given the minister 24 hours to reconsider his decision, and if we fail to get a positive response then we shall have no alternative but to go ahead with the phased closure of the hospital," said Dr. Yitzhak Horowitz, chairman of the hospital's doctors committee.

Hospital representatives met the minister in Jerusalem yesterday, but said they were dissatisfied with the outcome of their talk.

"The minister pledged \$1.5 million to pay for equipment already ordered by the project contractor, but declined to commit this to paper," Horowitz said.

He said Shostak also refused to guarantee future government funding for the partially completed

West Wing.

The Health Ministry



## Libya, Greece rapped for inaction on hijacking

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Libya and Greece have been declared "offending states" by the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association (IFALPA) for failing to implement hijacking and security measures.

The action stems from two separate instances in which Libya and Greece refused permission for a hijacked aircraft to land at their international airports. IFALPA President Robert Tweedy told a press conference here yesterday at the end of IFALPA's 39th conference.

Tweedy said that the two countries change their policies with regard to hijacking. If they do not change, he said, IFALPA could ban flights to and from both countries.

IFALPA agreed at the conference to continue the suspension of such a ban on the Soviet Union, pending the conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal at the end of next month.

The ban was imposed last September after Soviet fighter planes shot down a Korean Airlines flight. It was suspended shortly afterwards when the ICAO decided to take action to prevent future such occurrences. But the pilots gave their executive officers full authority to reimpose the ban at any time.

The conference decided to insist on further study of safety systems and the adoption of the 60-minute rule regarding long-distance flights

by two-engine aircraft. The rule lays down that twin-engine aircraft on a long-distance flight over water can never be more than 60 minutes away from an alternative landing field in case of engine failure.

The matter is particularly relevant — though entirely coincidental — according to Tweedy — in the light of yesterday's arrival in Israel of the first trans-Atlantic commercial flight by a twin-engine aircraft. The plane, an El Al Boeing 767, flew non-stop from Montreal to Tel Aviv.

Tweedy said that the reliability of the twin-engine aircraft system in the event of the failure of one of the engines has not yet been proven. Another conference participant said he doubted whether there would be regular long-distance commercial flights by twin-engine aircraft in the foreseeable future. "Would you fly across the Atlantic on only two engines?" he asked.

According to conference participants, Ben-Gurion Airport was given an "Orange" classification regarding safety procedures. A "red" classification represents serious deficiencies and captain Yitzhak Gonen, head of the Israeli Pilots Association, said that Ben-Gurion was "not very far from red."

The conference rejected a resolution to declare pregnant female pilots "temporarily unfit." IFALPA has about 500 female members, including international captains, Tweedy said, and is a "totally unisex world."

The next IFALPA conference will be held in Mexico City next year.

## TA-BG Airport bus-shuttle service to start on Sunday

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — United Tours, a subsidiary of the Dan bus cooperative, has won a tender of the Airports Authority to run a bus shuttle service between Ben-Gurion Airport and Tel Aviv. The service used to be run by E.A.I.

Dan spokesman Gavriel Shemesh told The Jerusalem Post that the new service is to start on April 1 and will collect passengers at the Rehov Arlosoroff railroad station in North Tel Aviv, and in the city's resort-hotel area.

The service will operate all year round. It is slated to run 20 hours a day, from 4 a.m. till midnight.

United Tours is also considering opening a similar shuttle service to Jerusalem and Haifa.

A one-way ticket on the Tel Aviv route will cost IS200 to the hotel area and IS150 to the railroad station.

United Tours also announced that in May it will launch a route in Tel Aviv that will start in the hotel area and make 31 stops in places in the city of interest to tourists. Tourists will be able to buy a ticket costing the equivalent of \$4 entitling them to unlimited travel on the line during the day, getting on and off at the different stops.

The price will include a map of the route.

## Scientists disagree on nuclear-power stations

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nuclear-power stations are "certainly not without danger," but Israel must have them in order to supply necessary electric power in the coming years, Prof. Yigal Ronen of Ben-Gurion University said yesterday.

Ronen, head of Israel's Nuclear Power Society, an association of scientists advocating the development of atomic energy, was speaking at an open forum of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel and the Zionist Organization of America.

Prof. Lev Fishelson, environmentalist and marine biologist of the Tel Aviv University, who also addressed the forum, challenged Ronen's contention. He said that "the risks of nuclear-power stations in so small a country, a country perpetually at war and one that sits permanently in a deep geological fault, are not to be condoned." Fishelson, former

head of the Israel Ecological Society, said that he "do not know enough to take calculated risks."

Ronen, discussing the harmful effects of low-level radiation, had dismissed it saying, "one, we don't know, and two, it's been proven that low-level radiation lengthens the life span of mice."

Fishelson also contended that nuclear power may well be the power source of the past and not the future. He noted that the U.S. is rapidly turning away from these sources, and technological breakthroughs in the near future may make nuclear power obsolete. Fishelson said that the main problem is that a nuclear power station is a permanent feature. Even if not active, it must be kept under armed guard for several generations.

Both Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i support the building of nuclear reactors for generating electricity.



"We want work, not money!" shouts one of the protestors who demonstrated yesterday at the labour council in Ashdod. (IPPA)

## Rogovin workers besiege union office

ASHDOD (Itim). — Workers of the Rogovin factory yesterday besieged the Ashdod Labour Council building for seven hours before dispersing to their homes after Ashdod Mayor Arye Azulai urged them to break up. The workers agreed to renew their talks with management to end the four-month-old strike.

The workers yesterday angrily brandished their Histadrut membership cards, charging that the union had abandoned them. One worker tore up his card. The workers left the site only after the police, who had cordoned

off the area, left at the urging of Azulai. The workers earlier refused to allow Labour Council secretary Yehuda Ben-Haroush to leave his office. Police arrived on the scene but didn't interfere as no complaint had been lodged by the council, said a police spokesman.

The strike broke out four months ago after management announced the dismissal of 78 of the fibre-producing plant's 240 workers. The workers later turned down a compromise offer that involved the dismissal of 20 workers.

## Arabs say police are trying to prevent Land Day events

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The police are putting obstacles in the path of Land Day memorial ceremonies scheduled on Friday afternoon in Arrabe in the Galilee, Tayibe in the Triangle and Rahat in the Negev, representatives of the National Committee for Protection of Arab Lands complained at a press conference here yesterday.

Saliba Hamis, secretary of the committee, said that the police insist that there be 50 ushers for every 1,000 participants and that the names of the ushers be furnished to the police in advance.

"Knesset Member Tawfik Toubi called the police inspector-general and told him that was a ridiculous demand," Hamis said.

Most of yesterday's press conference was devoted to the issue of land expropriation, which was the reason for the original Land Day protest eight years ago on March 30. Because several Arabs were killed or wounded in clashes with the police on the first Land a renewed protest against continued threats to Arab landholdings.

"They talk about developing Galilee, but they never mean development of Arab villages," said Rev. Shehadeh Shehadeh, chairman of the National Committee for the Protection of Arab Lands. "They build observation posts and give large budgets to a few Jewish

HOLIDAY. — Argentina announced it is dropping a national holiday celebrating the abortive 1982 invasion of the Falkland Islands, known in Argentina as the Malvinas.

families who live in each of them, while Arab villages still don't have building plans and families are forced to build illegally to put a roof over their children's heads."

David Richardson adds: Security sources in the West Bank have expressed "amazement" at the subdued mood in the area in respect to Land Day.

Most of its events have been advanced this year to tomorrow, to avoid a clash with the Moslem day of rest on Friday.

"Yesterday, however, four rock-throwing attacks were reported from the al-Amari refugee camp outside Ramallah, from the villages of Husan and al-Khader near Hebron and from the Haifa school in Jenin which has been the scene of repeated unrest over the past week.

## Food official: Dozen carcinogens being used

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The ousted head of the Health Ministry's Food Administration told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that 12-15 proven carcinogens and mutagens are used in food in Israel, and that they could be "outlawed at the stroke of a (minister's) pen."

Dr. Jerry Westin, who has been dismissed as of next Sunday, said that the administration he headed had proved its effectiveness. But the Health Ministry contends that Westin did "not live up to expectations."

Among the known carcinogens that Westin said are in use are "pachau 4R", a red food coloring used in a variety of tinned goods and sweets, and carbon black. Both have been banned in the U.S. and in



Dr. Jerry Westin

most Western European countries. Reacting to the charge regarding carcinogens not banned in food products, ministry director-general Prof. Baruch Modan declined to

comment on the entire affair and referred journalists to Westin's immediate superior, Dr. Alma Avni, Director of Public Health Services. Avni took office two years ago after the acting head, Dr. Ted Tulchinski, left. Tulchinski had not been able to agree with his superiors on matters of public health.

Avni would say only that as far as she is concerned, Westin is relieved of his duties on April 1. Westin came to the ministry three years ago after serving as a representative of the Consumers' Shield organization.

Westin, reluctant to contravene standing orders on interviews with the press, said he will wait until after April 1 to make further statements. Yesterday he would comment only on matters that had already been published or obtained from other sources.

## Rumanians to ask Chinese to welcome Israeli tourists

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An indirect appeal to China to permit Israelis to visit there will be made next week when Peking's foreign minister visits Bucharest. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday. At present, holders of Israeli passports are not permitted into the People's Republic of China.

The appeal will be made by Rumanian Tourism Minister Nicolae Gavrilescu, who leaves for home today after a week-long visit in Israel as guest of the Tourism Ministry. Gavrilescu served for six years as his country's envoy to Peking.

During his visit, Gavrilescu — who represents the only East European government that maintains diplomatic relations with Israel — met with President Herzog and Prime Minister Shamir.

Winding up his stay, Gavrilescu announced in Jerusalem yesterday that some of his aides will come to

Israel in June to work out details on joint tourism ventures he had agreed on with his Israeli counterpart. Among the plans are an "Israel Folklore Week" in Rumania and cooperation by the two countries in selling Israel-Rumania package tours in the U.S. and Austria.

A Tourism Ministry official admitted yesterday that for every Rumanian tourist who came to Israel in 1983, there were 10 Israelis travelling to Rumania on holiday. What is more, a substantial number of the 3,000 Rumanians who visited there last year were members of official or professional delegations and not strictly tourists.

The Tourism Ministry announced yesterday that it will invest \$2.1 million soon in an advertising promotion aimed at selling Israel to Europeans holidaymakers. The ministry has invited all European advertising agencies to bid on a tender it will offer in Paris, ministry official Zvi Rimon said.

## Dispute may disrupt cooking-gas delivery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Cooking-gas distribution may be virtually discontinued next Tuesday because of an accountability dispute between the major gas producers and the gas agents association, The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

The problem lies in the change in accounting practice between the gas producers and the gas distributors. The change was instituted in February, when many consumers were transferred to central supply systems. According to Avi Friedman, secretary of the association, the producers owe about \$3 million to the distributors because of the change. However, the distributors owe an unspecified amount to the producers, and ac-

counts have not been settled so far.

On Tuesday, the agents said their tankers will call on the filling stations in Haifa and Gilot and ask the operators to pay what the producers owe the agents. "We suppose the operators will refuse, and we shall refuse to fill the tanks," Friedman says.

This will stop gas distribution to most parts of the country, Friedman admits.

ORPHANAGE. The Druse community has decided to build an orphanage in Galilee for Druse orphans. The new institute, the first of its kind, will be built on land near Julis village contributed by the Israel Land Administration.

## Large stock of fish ready for Passover

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Live carp will sell at IS454 per kilo, and other fish, such as grey mullet and St. Peter's fish, will sell at around IS550, according to the secretary of the fishbreeders union, Amnon Levin.

Levin said the breeders have prepared large stocks of fish to meet the expected Pessah demand.

## Experts to dissect humour at congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Humour is no laughing matter. At least it won't be for the several hundred participants of the Fourth International Congress on Humour opening here on June 10.

They are going to scientifically diagnose, dissect, analyze and, one hopes, draw valid conclusions. Prof. Avner Ziv, of Tel Aviv University, the conference chairman, said here yesterday.

But two professional laugh-makers have been invited to bring a lighter touch to the congress.

American columnist Art Buchwald will speak on: "Can Humour Survive a Conference on Humour?" Israel's Ephraim Kishon will discuss: "Is There an Original Israeli Humour, And If So Why Not?"

Ziv pointed out that "humour is one of the most evenly distributed human characteristics. Anyway, at least 93 per cent of those questioned

thought they had a superior sense of humour."

Asked which of Israel's political leaders belonged in this 93 per cent category, Ziv said that "they are generally robots speaking with frozen faces."

He made only one exception, former prime minister Menachem Begin, "who knows how to crack a joke during a speech. But I don't know if this is carried over into his private life."

One hundred papers by historians, psychologists, anthropologist Jewish-Studies scholars, psychiatrists and people in the arts will be delivered at the congress. Another 24 papers will be delivered at the "First Colloquium on Jewish Humour," opening on June 6. Four Americans, for example, will lecture on Shalom Aleichem.

Ziv said that 32 muscles are activated for each laugh. But it is not using these muscles, but the effects of laughter on a person's outlook, that are so beneficial.

It has been definitely proved, Ziv said, that laughter accelerates the healing process. It also helps students absorb dry subjects, such as statistics.

"But this does not mean injecting a totally unrelated joke into the lecture, but trying to find funny aspects of statistics," Ziv said.

## Petrol-station owners win battle for credit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Association of Agents and Petrol Station Owners yesterday cancelled the strike of all stations in the country scheduled to start tomorrow.

According to Yisrael Stricks, secretary of the association, the action came after the fuel companies decided to rescind their decision to reduce credit to petrol stations.

Stricks said that the fuel companies have not yet cancelled their

decision to cut credit on lubricants.

"If this is not cancelled also, all the service stations in the country will stop selling lubricants."

BAR-ILAN. — Bar-Ilan University last night awarded 48 diplomas in health service to nurses at Beilinson, Tel Hashomer and Ichilov Hospitals who completed a three-year post-nursing-school programme including courses in medicine, economics and Jewish studies.

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## Angolan rebels capture provincial capital

LISBON (Reuters). — Angolan rebels said yesterday they captured a coastal town 300 kilometres south of the capital, Luanda, and warned of intensified fighting unless the government agrees to direct peace talks.

A communique issued in Lisbon by the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) said 5,000 guerrillas stormed Sumbe, capital of Cuanza-Sul province, during a six-hour battle. Unita said more than 500 govern-

ment troops, 62 Cubans, seven Russians, 12 Bulgarians and five Italian technicians were killed and 65 Angolans, four Bulgarians and 10 Portuguese captured. Unita losses were given as 42 dead and 103 wounded.

## Sekou Toure, ruler of Guinea, dies at 62

DAKAR, Senegal (AP). — President Ahmed Sekou Toure, leader of the West African nation of Guinea since its independence from France in 1958, died on Monday night at a U.S. hospital, Prime Minister Lansana Beavogui announced over Radio Conakry last night.

Beavogui, speaking in a trembling voice, read a communique of the political bureau of the ruling Guinean Democratic Party, which met in emergency session during the night.

He said Toure died during surgery after a heart attack at the Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic Foundation.

Beavogui said the political bureau had ordered 40 days' national mourning, during which all public entertainment will be suspended, flags flown at half staff, and prayers said in religious institutions of all faiths.

He called on all Guineans for vigilance to "maintain the achievements of the revolution. Each militant and each official must remain faithful to the memory of President Sekou Toure."

Sekou Toure, 62, one of Black Africa's most radical Marxists, led Guinea to independence from France.

He was widely admired by militant Africans for his often stormy



anti-colonial posturing but critics were shocked by his ruthless Communist-style dictatorship.

His years in power were marked by revolutionary rhetoric, economic paralysis, and bloody purges in reprisal for numerous plots against his rule.

Although his country was once closely aligned with the Soviet Union, in 1982 he met with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and said he had found a "great disposition toward cooperation" with the U.S.

In Nairobi, African diplomats said Toure's death is almost certain to force a postponement of the next Organization of African Unity summit in May or June, over which he was due to preside. (AP, Reuters)

## Kuwaitis sentence six bombers to death

KUWAIT (AP). — The state security court yesterday sentenced five Iraqi Shi'ite Moslem fundamentalists and one Lebanese Maronite Christian to death by hanging for bomb-blasting the U.S. and French embassies along with other targets here on December 12.

Three of the six were in custody, while three others were still at large, with the security forces searching for them.

The three in the courtroom when the verdicts were handed down were Baker Ibrahim Abdel-Reda,

30, Hussein Kassem Hassan, 27, both Iraqi, and Elias Fuad Saab, a Lebanese.

The six were accused of premeditated murder and illegal possession of bombs and fire arms, which they used to blast the U.S. and French embassies, along with the Kuwait airport control tower, the Electricity Ministry's control centre, the Shuaiba industrial plant and offices and residences of American firms operating here.

Five persons were killed and 86 others wounded in the blasts.

## Thousands die in Mozambique famine

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP). — More than 2,000 persons have died because of drought and famine in the northwestern province of Tete during the past three months, Maputo's daily newspaper, *Noticias*, has reported.

The newspaper quoted Amos Mahanjani, director of the Department for the Prevention of Natural Disasters, as saying thousands are eating wild plants to survive.

He said 14,000 have fled to Tete from neighbouring Malawi

province to escape worse drought conditions and attacks by anti-government rebels. Many, in turn, have fled from Tete to Zimbabwe to seek food.

Several thousand persons were reported to have died last year in a drought that gripped much of Mozambique. Mozambique National Resistance guerrillas, opposed to the Marxist government of President Samora Machel, prevented relief supplies from reaching the countryside.

## Pretoria reported bracing for sanctions

LONDON (AP). — South Africa has set up a network of companies in Britain and other countries to ensure the White-ruled country's survival in the event of worldwide sanctions over its racial policies, *The Guardian* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said in a front-page story that paper companies have been established in London, Edinburgh, the Channel Islands' tax haven of Jersey, the Netherlands, the Bahamas, and Panama to make sure that goods can be bought and delivered anywhere in the world without their origin or destination being traced.

"The men who appear to control the network are South Africans who hold key positions with Freight Services of South Africa," which is

controlled by the Pretoria government, the newspaper said.

The South Africans have spent five years securing control of respectable freight forwarding, procurement and travel companies and then disguising their ownership, *The Guardian* said.

Freight services, which the newspaper said shipped oil to White-ruled Rhodesia in defiance of UN sanctions, bought the controlling interest in Davidson, Park and Speed, an old established Glasgow freight forwarding company, in 1979.

John Lutyens, chairman of Davidson, Park and Speed, was quoted as saying: "We have done nothing that would be disapproved by either the South African or British governments."

## Vietnamese attack Khmer Rouge bases

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Vietnamese forces launched a heavy attack on Khmer Rouge bases along the Thai-Kampuchean border on Monday, forcing thousands of Kampuchean to flee into Thailand, the Thai military command said yesterday.

Military officials in Bangkok said the attack, backed by tanks, was aimed at guerrilla bases southwest of Thailand's northeastern province

of Sisaket.

Peking-backed Khmer Rouge guerrillas destroyed four Vietnamese T-54 tanks and killed a number of troops, the military command said.

There was no indication if fighting continued yesterday or whether it was an initial thrust in the long-expected dry-season offensive by the Vietnamese.

## Sadat awarded U.S. Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan on Monday presented U.S. Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award posthumously, to Egyptian president Anwar S. at and Whitaker Chambers, a Communist who repented and gave testimony against Alger Hiss.

The president also gave the medal to actor James Cagney and 10 others at a White House luncheon.

Sadat was assassinated in 1981. His citation read: "He captured the imagination of people everywhere

by taking the first great step toward a lasting peace between Egypt and Israel... (he) was a peacemaker of monumental wisdom and tenderness who will remain forever a hero in the hearts of the American people."

The award was accepted by Sadat's son Gamal.

Chambers, who died in 1961 at age 60, testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee that Hiss, a State Department aide, and others in government passed him official secrets while he worked as a Soviet spy in the 1930s.

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## El Salvador awaits results

SAN SALVADOR (Reuters). — Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte, who claims he came close to an outright victory in El Salvador's elections, has accused the poll organizers of "incompetence."

Sunday's voting, hailed as the country's first free presidential election in 30 years, was disrupted by confusion, charges of fraud and a row that ruled out any chance of an early result.

Duarte told reporters on Monday he had won the highest number of votes and would win the presidency in a run-off against Roberto d'Aubuisson of the ultra-right Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA).

He accused the election council, responsible for organizing the voting, of "incompetence and demanded an investigation into procedural failures."

The council has direct responsibility for the disorder and disorganization connected with the election," Duarte said.

More than 24 hours after polling ended, there were still no official returns. The council said results were being delayed because of disagreement on vote counts between voting officers and representatives of political parties.

Observers from the U.S. — El Salvador's main armorer and financier in its war against leftist guerrillas — returned to Washington on Monday describing the election as a success.

Duarte claimed "48 per cent or more" of the vote, just short of the 50 per cent majority required to avoid a second round.

## British miners clash with police

LONDON (AP). — Striking miners clashed with police, blocked a Northern England highway and stopped a coal train yesterday as they fought to close the last 38 of Britain's 176 mines still working.

Coal supplies in some areas were reported dwindling as the strike went into its 16th day. Scottish merchants said their supplies would last less than a week.

Eight policemen suffered minor injuries in clashes with pickets and 23 arrests were made. The police said that since the strike began one picket has died of unexplained injuries, 16 policemen and two pickets have been injured and 215 people have been arrested.

Pitmen in Scotland, Yorkshire and South Wales strongly supported a walkout in protest of plans to close 20 pits and abolish 20,000 jobs this year. But miners in Nottinghamshire and the Midlands have demanded a national ballot on whether to strike, and they have faced fierce daily picketing by Yorkshire and Welsh miners.

Police have deployed 7,000 men to keep the pickets at bay, and have aroused criticism from civil libertarians by blocking vehicles far from mines simply because their passengers are suspected of being headed for picket lines.

## Defecting Afghan pilot dies ejecting from plane

ISLAMABAD (AP). — An Afghan Air Force jet-fighter pilot trying to defect to Pakistan was killed ejecting from his MiG-17, which ran out of fuel soon after crossing the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, informed sources said on Monday.

Second-Lieutenant Said Mohammed Hashim's plane crashed in Pakistani territory 10 kilometres west of the Ghazaband Pass on Sunday around noon after he tried unsuccessfully to land the single-seater plane on empty fuel tanks, the sources said.

They said he ejected from the plane, but his parachute failed to open because of the low altitude.

## Mine kills UK soldier

LONDON (Reuters). — A British soldier was killed here yesterday when a guerrilla land-mine, detonated by remote control, exploded under his van outside the gates of a mental hospital, the police said.

## Sports

### Israel cry 'Foul!'

Post Sports Staff

TEL AVIV. — Israel football chiefs yesterday slammed the high-handed and unilateral action of the Australian and New Zealand Football Associations in setting dates in their countries for the World Cup qualifiers on their accord, without consulting Israel.

"This is utterly unfair and is bad sportsmanship," complained Haim Haberfeld, the chairman of the Israel Football Association. "In any event, FIFA will have the last word in May. If they accept the Australian and New Zealand dates, and leave Israel without a home game, a grave injustice will be done."

This afternoon, at the Petah Tikva Municipal Stadium, the Israeli national team will play A.I.K., the Swedish first division side. Josef Miromovich has promised to give a chance to the promising young strikers, Eli Chana and Yitzhak Balachson.

Everton go into today's replay of the Milk Cup final without their key left side midfielder, Kevin Sheedy, who has an ankle injury.

### Notre Dame win

NEW YORK (AP). — Senior forward Tom Sluby scored 26 points, 16 in the second half, to lead Notre Dame to a 65-59 victory over Southwestern Louisiana on Monday night and a berth against Michigan in the championship game of the 47th National Invitation Tournament.

Earlier, Michigan, lead by sophomore centre Roy Tarpley's 23 points, advanced to the finals with a 78-75 triumph over Virginia Tech.

Michigan and Notre Dame play for the title on Wednesday night.

Sluby led on an assortment of short jump shots, scored to the basket and was responsible for 10 of the Irish's 24 points at half-time when they led 24-19.

Joe Howard, the leading scorer on Notre Dame's football team for the last three years, who became the point guard on the basketball squad, came through for the Irish, 21-11, during the game's final minutes.

With Notre Dame leading 59-55, Ken Barlow of the Irish was called for an offensive foul that nullified a successful shot. The Rights' Captain came downcourt and shot a rebound but was shot that Howard rebounded. Nine seconds later, Howard fed Barlow for a three-point play and a six-point Notre Dame lead.

Howard, a 5-foot-9 junior, then made two free throws with 1:20 remaining, and six seconds later, he stole the ball in USFL, tried to get back in the game.

Southwestern Louisiana, 23-9, were led by Alvin, who finished with 20 points, one more than George Almones.

### Sabag's good run

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli Shmuel Sabag took 48th place among the 300 starters in the weekend's 12th world cross-country championship in New York. The 24-year-Haifa resident, who is now studying at the University of Illinois, clocked a creditable 33 minutes, 54 seconds for the testing 12-km race.

Sabag last December established himself in Israel's second-fastest marathon runner behind Yair Karmi, when he clocked 2 hours, 21 minutes, 08 seconds for the classic 42-km distance in Alabama. He was the only Israeli to run in New York.

Israel Sports Federation secretary-general Shmuel Lalkin told me yesterday that it was decided not to send a full team to New York both for budgetary reasons and because the country still lacked good-quality cross-country runners.

Lalkin explained that the championships always take place in either Europe or America in the early spring, when the weather there can be wet and the course is muddy. As Israeli athletes are unfamiliar with such conditions, long acclimatization training is necessary to give them a fair chance of real success in such cross-country competition, and at present funds are not available for this purpose.

### SCOREBOARD

CRICKET. — England won the third and final limited over Test against Pakistan in Karachi level the series and to end their dismal run on a relatively high note. Pakistan 163 for 8 in 40 overs (Saeed Anwar 78, Gaining 3 for 32), England 164 for 4 (Gaining 38 not out). In Sri Lanka, New Zealand are 322 for 5 (David 155 not out) in reply to Sri Lanka's 256 all out. In Brisbane, Australia are 322 for 6 (Saeed 155 not out), 243 for 4, Bangladesh 302 all out.

BOXING. — Larry Holmes, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion, will meet Garret Corcoran of South Africa in the World Boxing Association (WBA) titleholder, on June 8 in Las Vegas.

TENNIS. — Hans Mandlhofer of Czechoslovakia snatched a three-match losing streak to American Kathy Jordan and took her fourth title of the year, with a 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 in the \$125,000 women's event in Dallas.

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IN 1979, 17 members of the Arab League severed their relations with Cairo and the League itself expelled Egypt, the country in which the all-Arab organization was founded (under the aegis of imperialist Britain) in 1944.

The break in relations and Egypt's expulsion came in the wake of, and as punishment for, Egypt's signing the peace treaty with Israel, and her breaking of the 31-year-old taboo on dealings with the arch-enemy.

Today, the former headquarters of the League on Cairo's Corniche el-Nil Street, on the east bank of the Nile, is located between two of the representatives of American economic imperialism, the Nile Hilton and the Ramses Hilton hotels. The nearby former headquarters of Gamal Abdel Nasser's defunct Arab Socialist Union today houses the branches of six foreign banks.

The symbolism of the changing times on the Nile may be apt. But in Hosni Mubarak's Egypt, the trend is back to the Arab world, without, however, giving up the hopes lodged in the new American and western presence, and without formally reneging on the terms of the peace treaty with Israel.

Sadat did not court the break with the Arab League. But in his theatrical way, he was ready to accept it if the radicals in the League demanded it as the price for the strategic shift he had engineered in Egypt's global orientation.

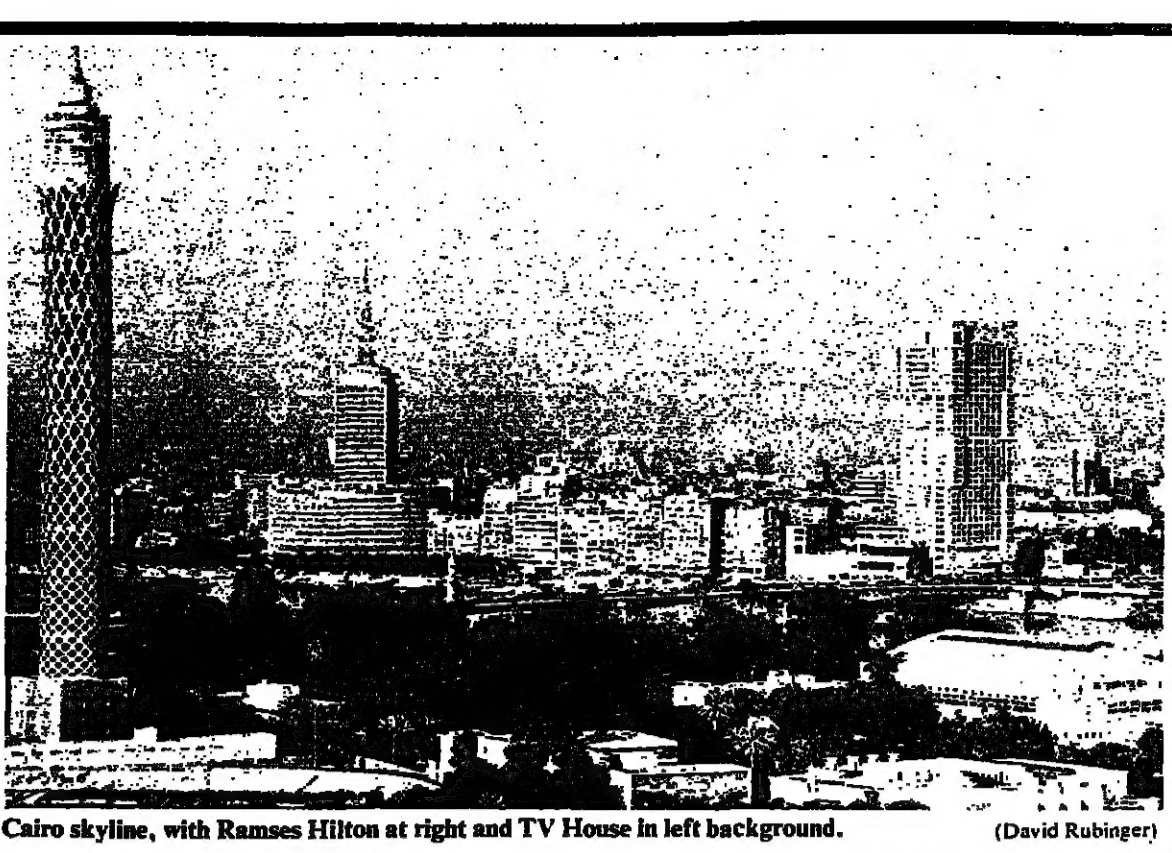
At the same time, Sadat boasted that the Arabs who expelled Egypt would themselves return to her, rather than vice versa. He was dead wrong in his boastful claim that Egypt constituted two-thirds of the Arab world; but he was dead right in his prescience.

Various members of the League have been the ones to come knocking at Egypt's door. Egypt has not gone begging for readmittance. Although, truth to tell, the Mubarak regime has been more avid than one would have expected Sadat to be in its responses to these sisterly Arab overtures.

AT THE END of last year, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali predicted that "1984 will witness far-reaching developments" in the restoration of ties between Egypt and the other Arab members of the League. His statement was made in the immediate aftermath of the meeting between President Mubarak and PLO leader Yasser Arafat,

# Back to the Arab world

Yosef Goell reports from Egypt, on the fifth anniversary of the peace.



Cairo skyline, with Ramses Hilton at right and TV House in left background.

(David Rubinger)

who had just been ousted from Tripoli in Lebanon by the rebels under the command of Abu Musa.

The meeting with Arafat was seen as a step towards the re-establishment of Egypt's symbolic legitimacy in the eyes of the Arab world. If Arafat was willing to meet with Mubarak, who insisted on his intention to adhere to the terms of the Israeli peace agreement, why should any other Arab state insist on being "holier than the chairman," was the implied question behind Mubarak's gambit.

Less than three weeks later, the 45-member Islamic summit conference which had ostracized Egypt after the signing of the peace agreement invited her to resume her presence as a founding member of the group. To be sure, there was a condition implying that Egypt would have to accept wording that rejected the Camp David Accords without actually requiring their formal renunciation.

An American source familiar with the proceedings at the conference told me that the Egyptians had played it cool and appeared to have little interest in the vote. But some of the Egyptian leaders could not help giv-

ing vent to their anger at little Tripoli in Lebanon by the rebels under the command of Abu Musa.

The prime candidates for being first in line to re-establish relations with Egypt are today considered to be Morocco, Jordan and Iraq, whose capitals Mubarak has recently visited.

Morocco and Jordan, along with Saudi Arabia, are "natural" for re-establishing relations, since their severing of ties constituted a surrender of the conservatives to the atmosphere of hysteria which the radical states in the League had engineered as a result of the peace with Israel.

But Iraq's repeated hints of the imminent restoration of her relations with Cairo are a good indication of what has changed in the Arab world in the past five years. For Baghdad was the venue of the Arab League session which expelled Egypt in 1979.

THE MAIN THING that has apparently changed is the fixation of the Arab world on the Iran-Iraq war and on the deadly implications for the conservative Arab states of a

possible Iranian breakthrough.

There are observers who claim that the Arabs are much more worried about Iran than they are about Israel. They cite the studied failure of the Arab world to rush to the PLO's and Syria's aid against Israel at the outset of the war in Lebanon as a means of punishing those two for their demonstrative support of the Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran.

Boutros Ghali told me that at the beginning of the war, Egypt had declared her neutrality with regard to the two Moslem combatants. But "when the equilibrium of forces changed and Iraq announced its readiness to withdraw from Iranian territory and to enter negotiations but Iran refused, we began to support Iraq."

That support has expressed itself in the large-scale sale of arms to Iraq and, in Ghali's words, in "the one million Egyptians who are in Iraq and are in effect sustaining her economy." Ghali and other Egyptians told me that Egypt had absolutely no intention of intervening with her own armed forces in the war in the east. An American source, however, told me that in effect Mubarak had given Saddam Hussein permission to draft Egyptians of army age in Iraq

into the Iraqi army. "In effect, there are many Egyptians who have been fighting and dying for Iraq in the recent fighting."

This source also related a story indicating Egypt's lack of desire to get involved in unnecessary wars. "I was at a social gathering where many of Egypt's top generals were guests. Most of the conversation centred in their reminiscences of the traumas of serving in the Egyptian forces in the seemingly interminable war in Yemen in the 1960s. The attitude of the generals, whose formative years as young officers were spent in Yemen, was 'Never again'."

AMERICAN SOURCES also characterized as "an obsession" Egypt's concern over the possibility of the formation of an axis against her by the radical regimes of Libya, Ethiopia and South Yemen. Mubarak's rapid reaction to the recent bombing by a single plane, presumably from Libya, of the broadcasting station in Sudan's Omdurman is seen as an expression of the fear of these radical elements' hitting at Egypt's soft underbelly through Sudan.

Trouble could be expected along this front, and it was pointed out to me by the Americans that it was the

Carter White House that at the last moment had prevented an Egyptian attack on Gaddafi's Libya.

During the euphoria in Israel in 1977 over Sadat's dramatic initiative, there was some heady talk of severing Egypt from the rest of the Arab world in light of his supposed emphasis on his country's ancient pharaonic background rather than on her Arab links.

Today, no one will admit that there was ever such a notion. Even if there had been, a consideration of Egypt's central geographic position in the Arab world, her size, and the role of her intellectual, religious and cultural elites in providing leadership for the Arab world should dispel any such fantasy.

There is also the fact that a large chunk of Egypt's life-supporting foreign currency revenues, estimated at \$3 billion, comes from an estimated five million Egyptians who are working in the Arab world and sending home money to their families.

IT IS ONLY natural that Egypt should seek, and be granted, re-entry into the Arab, Islamic and third worlds, after a suitable period of chagrin because of her breaking

ranks over Israel. But must this re-entry be at the expense of the peace with Israel?

Egyptian officials are at pains to insist that their country's restoration to her rightful role will never be at the expense of the peace with Israel. They explain that this is because Egypt has every intention of honouring her commitments in the treaty meticulously, and also because of her determination to deny any foreign interest the right to intervene in her sovereign decisions.

In actual fact, Mubarak's Egypt is playing a juggling act in this regard, speaking in one voice to the Arabs she is wooing and in quite another, reassuring voice, not so much to Israel as to the U.S.

Thus, President Mubarak was reported to have spoken of the Camp David Accords as being a dead letter during his recent visit to Morocco. This report was subsequently denied, mainly for the benefit of the U.S., where Egyptian representatives were at that very moment busy lobbying Congress against proposed cuts in the size of the annual aid package to Egypt.

But there are also deeds behind the words. Egypt is known to have been active last year in trying to soothe the re-establishment of relations between Zaire and Israel. And she continues to be active against such Israeli initiatives in other African countries.

Only last week Boutros Ghali urged Nigeria to remain steadfast in opposition to the re-establishment of relations with Israel. He suggested that Nigeria play the stick to Egypt's carrot in trying to push Israel into abandoning her intransigent stance on the Palestinian issue.

Anwar Sadat seems to have been correct when he boasted that the Arab world, which in a fit of pique had severed relations with Egypt, needed Egypt more than she needed the Arabs. But as the pace of Egypt's acceptance by that Arab world increases, it is becoming apparent that the other Arab states have not accepted his premises on the need for a formal peace as the basis for a new stage in the confrontation with Israel.

And we must also face the prospect that the peace with Israel will become more hollow and the different voices with which Egypt speaks on Israel will be the cause of ever growing confusion.

(This is the fifth in a series of articles.)

## THE GAMES POLITICIANS PLAY

By MAGABEE DEAN

EVERY democratic country de-seps the style of government it gets. Therefore Israelis should not complain too much if their Knesset members sometimes behave like caricatures in a badly acted soap opera. These Knesset members are a reflection of ourselves. We elected them to guide our fate during these trying times. And if sometimes the times appear too trying, we must remember that our chosen leaders are trying to improve on the performance of their predecessors, and make the times more trying. Anything less would be an admission of failure.

So let us, the spectators at these charming scenarios of our political life, lean back and enjoy ourselves vicariously, as we would at a soccer game that's played between Purim and April Fool's Day.

The first question that troubles us as spectators is whether Menachem Begin, that sombre figure who has been hiding in the locker room for so many months, will come out and play again the election ball game. Will he come trotting out onto the field to the cheers of delight of the Likud, and to the howls of rage of the Alignment? Will he upset the "straw balance"? Will Arik Sharon turn glum? Will David Levy become anxious? And will Ezer Weizman, who has never forgotten the public spanking Begin once gave him, grow pale?

BEGIN WILL probably appear. The man is a consummate actor and politician. When he smells grease-paint, sees the spotlights, and hears the roar of the crowd, he will begin planning his "entrance."

But what role will Begin play? The serious elder statesman, pontificating gravely about the Jewish soul and "destiny"? Or will he be in a relaxed, mellow mood, cracking an occasional joke to endear himself to the public? No, he will never do the latter, for that might convince the Aachen Carnival Society to award him the "Order against Dead Seriousness." This would put him in the same category as former German chancellor Helmut Schmidt - and Ephraim Kishon.

But Shimon Peres will certainly be serious. We have never known him to crack a joke, or even really smile, even when he rapped Yitzhak Rabin over the knuckles. But both Labour leaders might manage a whimsical grin when they see Arik Sharon locking horns with David Levy in the Likud bull pen, while Shamir looks on, smiling and thinking, "I'll probably be the compromise candidate. Ronald Reagan is even older than I am."

BUT BACK to the ball game, or rather the pre-ball game.

The two teams, the Likud and the Alignment, are trotting out onto the field, warming up. And here is Gideon Kiviti with his "rifle microphone," which picks up conversations 200 metres away. He will describe events up to the actual game, and then Nissim Hod will take over, reporting on the game itself.

Something is happening in the Likud team. Ah, the Likud goalie, Linn Peretz, has joined the Align-

ment. The two Alignment goalies are now quarrelling over who will play. They have reached a rotation agreement. Let's catch a word with the former Likud goalie. "You don't think there is anything wrong in deserting your buddies and the public which elected you to office? Oh, it was a matter of conscience. You can no longer identify with Likud policies. Well, we always did appreciate a man with a conscience. Incidentally, what number do you have on the next Labour list? Oh, you're going to be consul in Vaduz."

"Well, the game is about to start, 12 in the Alignment team against the Likud's 10. Captain Shamir seems certain that as soon as the game starts a few Alignment members will begin to play for the Likud. But what will the Likud do for a goalkeeper? Ah, Shamir is ordering Reb Avraham Shapira to stand between the goal-posts. The Alignment is crying foul. Shapira fills up the entire area. No, Reb Shapira has refused to play goalie unless Friday night movies are banned in Petah Tikva."

"Shamir has now decided to wait for two MKs to return from Argentina to give him 11 players. What's going on over there? Modai is asking Reb Shapira if it isn't better to see one decent movie on Friday night than immoral movies of the most degenerate type on other six days? Why don't the Orthodox do something about pornography? The Orthodox players are gritting their teeth and beginning to leave the field."

"Well, folks, we won't have a game today. Yes, we will. Cohen-Orad has pulled out his cheque-book and is writing a cheque for one billion shekels. That will certainly sponsor a few rock-throwing Sabbaths by the yeshiva bochers."

"Ah, here are the Likudniks back from the Argentine. But they are not needed. One of the Alignment players is changing sides. Well, I've never seen so much conscience in one day. If this keeps up, we won't see any slightly accidental kneeling in the crotch today. Abuhatzira is in the exact middle of the field. He hasn't decided which team to play with. Burg is advising him: 'Choose the winning side,' says Burg, 'that's how I have managed to stay in the cabinet for 35 years.'

"CAPTAIN Peres is trying to stop a loud argument between Baram and Meshel. Man alive, that Meshel is certainly more than a match for Baram."

"Kessar has run out on the field, calming both Meshel and Baram. Kessar is quoting from the Rambam about tolerance and living in peace. 'If we can't live in peace among ourselves, how can we ever make peace with the Arabs?' he says. I wonder if that is from the Rambam or just some old folk saying."

"Yossi Sarid is shouting, 'Let's not kick the pigskin ball too hard. It hurts its feelings.' Reb Shapira is examining the football to see if it really is made out of pig's skin. The crowd is getting impatient. The fans on one side are shouting 'Vusvus,' and on the other, 'chachachach.' Where are my binoculars? I can't tell which side they are supporting. Dammit, even with these binoculars. I can't tell the vusvusim from the chachachachim. What's this country coming to?"

"Say, there's a lovely couple down there, billing and cooing and holding hands. Ashkenazi husband, Oriental wife. They seem to be saying that it's better to make love than war. What a beautiful chick. I think I'll trade in my peroxide-blond wife for one of these gorgeous dark girls. All my wife knows is Women's Liberation. I think I'll liberate her."

"My nephew in the States had to go to Korea to find a sensible wife who knew how to cook and keep house, and she instinctively knew that the husband is king. My nephew could have come here. There are plenty of Oriental women who have never heard of the Women's Liberation Movement."

"The crowd is getting unruly. I'll bet the election rumour factory is going full blast, and the parties are throwing handfuls of oral manure at each other. They are really fishing in dirty water, pulling out scandal after scandal. And unlike fish, not one scandal is getting clear away."

"Alignment supporters in the grandstand are shouting that Likud hucksters are selling election goodies - soft drinks, pretzels, and felaful - at half price. The game is about to start. Bar-Lev is out on the field leading the Alignment cheerleaders, who are shouting 'hold that line.'"

"The game is starting, and here is Nissim Hod to take over."

### Traffic violations are Halachic offences

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapira, have declared that those who violate traffic laws are violating Halacha. Jewish religious law, because the traffic laws are designed to protect human lives and souls.

The rabbis were responding to a request from the Education and

Culture Ministry that they speak out on the subject. The ministry has also declared tomorrow to be Road Safety Day throughout the school system.

School teachers, the ministry said in a statement, deal with the subject all the time. But a special day was considered necessary because of the rising number of children who are accident victims and the approaching Pessah vacation.

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## Oil shares up as others are down

TEL AVIV. Investors paid little heed yesterday to evaluations that the Pleshet 1 drill hole may only turn up gas and not oil. They continued to bid up the prices of oil shares, as the rest of the market turned clearly lower.

The lure of an oil strike has always served as a powerful spur to investors worldwide. In Israel the "sweet scent of oil" is even more alluring as the country has traditionally produced less than 10 per cent of its oil needs. Moreover, a good part of the deficit in the balance of payments is due to oil imports, and any major oil find would go a long way to alleviate the deficit, which was \$5.1 billion in 1983.

Advances in the oil sector ran as high as 19.5 per cent, as was the case with M.G.N. 1.

Over the past two days there has been a "backing-and-forth" action in the aftermath of Sunday's spectacular advances. The General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, was down by 1.55 per cent, as all sectors turned lower.

The number of "sellers only" rose to 55, as only three issues were "buyers only." Moreover, 136 equities had losses in excess of five per cent. Major gainers stood at 30.

Overall, analysts continue to be positive about a generally rising market. As mid-summer elections seem to be likely, there is a consensus that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad will not have enough political muscle to maintain his

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

restrictive economic policies. "Politics will always outweigh economics in an election period. The electioneering will bring with it its share of goodies for the public," one observer said.

Yesterday, however, investors took their profits while institutional investors and mutual fund managers were buying up high-quality shares. Cases in point were the shares of Discount Investments, Clal Industries and the Dead Sea Works, all of which are primarily export-oriented. Their share float is sufficiently large to allow the accumulation of a quantity of these shares without causing them to be established as "buyers only." On the other hand, they are also relatively easy to sell. Yesterday there were good offers for sale of these shares, but the mutual funds stepped in and bought them up without any change in price. The same was true of Clal Electronics, which more or less falls into the same category.

Index-linked bonds, on balance, trended higher. Volumes were very modest and only slightly over the 19406 million level.

The shekel was devalued by 75

agorot against the dollar. The head of the currency department of a large bank told *The Jerusalem Post* that earlier this week the public was a major seller of *patam* dollars to cover share purchases.

Bank shares part of the "agreement" were lower by as much as 4.6 per cent.

Bank and bankholding issues, not part of the "agreement" were seven lower. The Maritime Bank shares were both 10 per cent lower. First International trended 3.2 per cent lower, while Fibi trended unchanged.

Mortgage bank issues were on the downside. However, the brunt of the losses in this sector were picked up by the options.

Clal Leasing 0.5 with a 10 per cent drop was the major loser in a moderately down-moving specialized financial institution group.

Insurance issues were relatively hard hit, with 10 per cent losses in evidence. A good number of the shares were "sellers only."

The service and trade group was only slightly lower, but it exhibited the customary volatility. Recently issued Inter-Gamma was "sellers only" for the second session, while the option was 13.1 per cent lower. The shares of the Electric Corporation moved against the trend and rose by 27.5 per cent.

Consortium 0.1 lost 15 per cent as the computer group turned broadly lower.

Land Development, real estate and citrus plantation issues took on the chin as the sector declined by 3.5 per cent. Ten per cent losses were scattered throughout the group. Baranowitz 5 was down by nearly 15 per cent. A pleasant surprise in the sector were the M.T.N. 5 shares, which soared by 42.6 per cent. Rogovin 5 gained 29.7 per cent, while Mishael 5 was not far behind, with a 23.3 per cent advance.

There was a general easing of prices among industrial shares. High-tech shares were softer. Elbit was down 3.8 per cent, as Elron was 3.2 per cent lower. Arit was unchanged, as was the case with both Spectronix shares.

Investment shares were slightly lower. The Israel Corporation shares were unchanged in spite of relatively heavy selling pressures. The same was true of IDB Development. Investment of Paz and Piron both backedtracked by 13.2 per cent.

The board of directors of the First International Bank approved a resolution to distribute 55 per cent in bonus shares.

### Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
OHF	2200	5	-38	-1.6
Maritime 0.1	809	1074	-50	-10.0
Maritime 0.5	312	3203	-35	-10.1
N. American 1	5970	17	n.c.	n.c.
N. American 5	4900	44	n.c.	n.c.
N. am. op 1	3980	138	-30	-7.5
Danot 1	731	38	-49	-6.7
Danot 5	116	5283	-12	-9.4
Danot 5.2	354	s.o.i.	-18	-4.8
First Int'l 0.5	544	1186	-18	-3.2
FIBI 0.5	444	3801	n.c.	n.c.

### Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB	1134330	1	+4545	+3.5
IDB 5	3778	97	n.c.	n.c.
IDB 5.2	6000	39	n.c.	n.c.
IDB 5.4	37000	6	n.c.	n.c.
IDB op 11	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Union 0.1	4500	44	n.c.	n.c.
Discount B	7850	34	n.c.	n.c.
Discount A	7520	205	n.c.	n.c.
Discount C	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Discount B 2	865	204	-25	-2.8
Mizrahi 1	2424	540	n.c.	n.c.
Mizrahi 5	2424	34	n.c.	n.c.
Mizrahi op 11	4550	46	-120	-2.6
Mizrahi op 12	1765	465	-95	-5.1
Mizrahi op 13	20000	1	-2000	-9.1
Mizrahi op 14	1104	100	-11	-1.0
Hapoelim 1	3458	1	+261	+5.0
Hapoelim 5	4010	717	-20	-0.5
Hapoelim 5.2	4010	488	-20	-0.5
Hapoelim 5.4	16000	1	-720	-4.3
General A	10550	16	-304	-2.8
General op 8	24000	71	-1000	-4.0
General op 9	10000	6	-670	-6.3
General op 10	8000	5	-194	-2.4
General op 11	493	18	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi 0.1	2528	3919	-12	-0.5
Leumi 0.5	3600	30	-27	-0.7
Leumi op 11	700	1262	n.c.	n.c.
Finance Trade	3388	27	n.c.	n.c.
Finance Trade 5	1801	8	-6	-0.3
Finance Tr.op	3650	1	-1	-0.1

### Mortgage Banks

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	1559	6	n.c.	n.c.
Gen. Mortgage	1690	269	-15	-0.9
Gen. Mortgage 5	1730	34	-5	-0.3
Carmel 1	1259	95	-159	-10.9
Carmel op 8	1191	101	-115	-9.8
Carmel deb	242	185	n.c.	n.c.
Binyan	2346	72	+304	+10.0
DevMortgage 1	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
DevMortgage 5	765	262	-85	-10.0
DevMortgage 5.2	4300	53	-340	-7.3
Independence	2641	501	-139	-5.0
Tefahot 1	1856	14	n.c.	n.c.
Tefahot 5	1660	89	+30	+1.8
Tefahot deb. 1	634	3	n.c.	n.c.
Tefahot deb. 2	307	729	+2	+0.7
Jaysoor 1	335	288	n.c.	n.c.
Jaysoor 5	321	50	n.c.	n.c.
Jaysoor op	205	368	-34	-14.2
Merav 1	395	599	-2	-0.5

### Financial Institutions

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Shilon 1	260	943	+10	+4.0
Shilon op B	1963	s.o.i.	-135	-6.4
Agriculture A	15200	1	-100	-0.7
Agriculture C	1440	1	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi Ind 1	1493	22	+15	+1.1
Leumi Ind 5	1493	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage 1	10041	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage 5	37000	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage C23450	1	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage C23430	1	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage C23400	1	1	n.c.	n.c.
Dev. Mortgage 6377	1	1	n.c.	n.c.
Contractors	219	398	-13	-5.6
Tourism	14401	1	+1	+0.1
Clal Lease 0.1	542	67	n.c.	n.c.
Clal Lease 0.5	613	s.o.i.	-33	-5.0
Clal Lease deb	1045	49	-10	-1.0

### Insurance

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Aryeh 1	910	488	-93	-9.3
Aryeh op	620	270	91	+12.6
Aryeh sub deb	400	3	-260	-65.0
Aryeh 0.1	1349	s.o.i.	-71	-5.0
Aryeh 0.5	400	s.o.i.	-21	-5.0
Reinsur 0.1	1140	s.o.i.	-60	-5.0
Reinsur 0.5	287	146	-32	-10.0
Hadar 1	230	61	-12	-5.0
Hadar 5	626	1122	n.c.	n.c.
Hassneh op 4	1535	s.o.i.	-81	-5.0
Phoenix 0.1	515	72	n.c.	n.c.
Phoenix 0.5	460	33	-9	-2.0
Hamishmar 1	610	65	-10	-1.6
Hamishmar op	750	37	n.c.	n.c.
Yardenia 0.1	490	31	-20	-3.9
Yardenia 0.5	195	83	-22	-10.1
Yardenia op 2	187	227	n.c.	n.c.
Menorah 1	1632	s.o.i.	+148	+9.0
Menorah 5	405	109	+21	+5.3
Sahar 1	1400	14	-100	-6.7
Securities 1	311	680	n.c.	n.c.
Zur 1	794	s.o.i.	-42	-5.0
Zion Hold. 1	613	s.o.i.	-32	-5.0
Zion Hold. 5	219	325	-1	-0.5

### Trade & Services

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Meir Ezra 1	418	191	-37	-8.1
Meir Ezra op	340	100	n.c.	n.c.
Teta 1	292	415	-33	-10.2
Teta 5	300	336	+6	+3.4
Teta op	90	427	-12	-11.8
Clal Trade 1	543	424	-31	-5.4
Clal Trade op	525	56	n.c.	n.c.
Central 1	250	286	-20	-7.4
Rapac 0.1	1296	4	-144	-10.0
Rapac 0.5	300	92	-30	-9.1
Supersol 2	2158	83	n.c.	n.c.
Supersol 10	1007	671	n.c.	n.c.
Supersol C	650	1	-29	-4.3

### Services

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Delek 1	2863	349	+200	+7.5
Harel 1	760	44	n.c.	n.c.
Harel 5	305	63	-20	-6.2
Lighterage 0.1	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Lighterage 0.5	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Cold Store 0.1	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Cold Store 0.5	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Israel Elec. 1	20700	5	+4467	+21.5
Bond Ware 0.1	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Bond Ware 0.5	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Bond Ware op	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.	n.c.
Consort 1	485	36	-85	-14.9
Consort 0.5	404	s.o.i.	-21	-4.9
Consort op A	364	181	-47	-11.4
Kopel 1	345	10	+8	+2.4
Kopel op	173	25	-30	-14.8

### Hotels, Tourism

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Galei Zohar 1	906	29	n.c.	n.c.
Galei Zohar 5	300	60	n.c.	n.c.
Dan Hotels 1	836	50	-59	-5.6
Dan Hotels 5	478	37	-30	-5.9
Coral Beach	501	454	+1	+0.2
Knesset	240	334	-19	-7.3
Yarden Hotel	275	106	-17	-6.5
Yarden Hotel 5	152	106	-3	-1.9
Yahalom	296	s.o.i.	-15	-4.8
Yahalom op	235	s.o.i.	-15	-6.0

### Computers

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Data	303	76	n.c.	n.c.
Hidon 1	669	34	-1	-0.2
Hidon 5	1060	2	n.c.	n.c.
Yatane op	1549	s.o.i.	-81	-5.0
Clal Comp	1209	s.o.i.	-80	-6.2
Clal Comp 5	648	s.o.i.	-34	-5.0
Clal Comp. op	443	1	-1	-0.2
M.L.L. 1	1180	61	+62	+5.6
M.L.L. 5	571	14	-4	-0.7
M.L.L. op	391	14	-54	-12.1
Machov	330	145	-50	-13.2
Nikiv 1	457	208	+24	+5.3
Nikiv 5	261	151	-8	-3.0
Nikiv op	232	s.o.i.	-12	-4.9
Team 1	1120	13	-110	-9.8
Team op	990	58	-40	-4.3

### Real Estate, Building

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Oren	307	862	+17	+5.9
Azorim Prop.	327	1221	-57	-14.8
Dard 1	254	700	-40	-15.2
Elron	95	s.o.i.	-5	-5.0
Elron op	78	249	-9	-10.9
El-Rov 1	175	332	-14	-7.4
El-Rov 5	136	383	-15	-9.9
Ammonium	1231	181	-15	-1.2
Ammonium op	137	283	-29	-17.5
Africa Isr. 0.1	3009	40	-1	-0.1
Africa Isr. 1.0	2350	38	+30	+1.3
Arazim	182	53	-20	-9.9
Arazim op	187	174	-12	-6.0
Arifedon 0.1	174	142	-86	-10.0
Arifedon 0.5	236	168	-13	-5.2
Ben Yakar 1	459	111	-51	-10.0
Ben Yakar op	296	57	-21	-6.6
Baranowitz 1	176	s.o.i.	-9	-5.1
Baranowitz 5	129	1111	-12	-14.8
Baranowitz 5.2	101	570	-16	-13.7
Dankner	226	459	-11	-4.7
Drucker 1	280	363	-16	-5.4
Drucker 5	130	278	-9	-6.5
Drucker op	135	161	n.c.	n.c.

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10	-6.4	Cohen Dev. op
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## The polls and the peace

THE RETURN to the region of President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, Donald Rumsfeld, has inevitably drawn attention to Washington's bogged-down peace initiative.

However, nothing Mr. Rumsfeld has said publicly in any of the capitals he has visited so far has dispelled the overwhelming impression that 1984 is not going to be a year of peace negotiations in the Middle East.

Even before America's abrupt and somewhat humiliating departure from Lebanon last month, there was never any real chance that Mr. Reagan was about to put his presidential neck on the line by pursuing a foreign policy chimera in an election year.

In the first place, American presidents are as a rule re-elected on their domestic rather than their foreign policy record.

And even if a president running for a second term were to seek a foreign policy coup, he would be unlikely to do so in the volatile, unpredictable Middle East where any chance of success, slender to start with, would inevitably involve conflicts with Israel that could alienate important sectors of the electorate.

The debacle in Lebanon and Kif Hussein's public distancing of himself from the American initiative for the time being — in favour of less hazardous foreign policy adventures, such as playing host to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II — will undoubtedly have further tipped the scales against such a course.

That is not to say that Mr. Reagan will be disavowing his September 1982 initiative. On the contrary, he is quite likely to continue promoting it during his re-election campaign. But he is unlikely to pursue it with any great vigour on the ground.

Accordingly, Mr. Rumsfeld's current swing through the region would appear designed, more than anything else, to reassure those Arab leaders shaken by America's weak-kneed performance in Lebanon, that Washington has not bowed out of an active political role in the region.

And it is not unlikely that Mr. Rumsfeld has also been apprising his interlocutors of the constraints on American Middle East policy in a presidential election year, cautioning patience for a more vigorous U.S. peace offensive in 1985.

The advancing of our own Knesset elections by more than a year could also have a considerable influence in improving the prospects for an American initiative next year.

The lack of synchronization between Israeli and American elections has, in the past, been something of an impediment to active peace-making in the region, with Washington just as sensitive to the need not to antagonise the Israeli voter in a Knesset election year as it is not to alienate the American Jewish voter in a presidential election year.

Labour leader Shimon Peres has been quoted as suggesting this week that future peace moves in the region need not necessarily be based on Camp David, as the Likud has been demanding.

Rather, Hussein should be encouraged to join the process on the basis of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 — obviating the need for the king to bind himself to the provisions of an agreement to which he is not a party.

This is an interesting proposal that holds promise. For the Camp David Agreements provide a framework which has remained empty in its provisions for the West Bank and Gaza. It can be argued that their continued status as the cornerstone of U.S. and Israeli policy has served to retard, rather than advance, further movement.

Should Labour return to power in the coming elections, and Mr. Peres's proposals become official Israeli policy, the chances of Mr. Rumsfeld or whoever succeeds him making some progress on the peace front in 1985, would be greatly improved.

## The abortive Mr. Shostak

AGUDAT YISRAEL and Tami, the two parties that have held the Shamir coalition government to ransom throughout its existence, are determined to preside over the government's demise in characteristic style. Unless the Likud bows to their wishes on a laundry list of issues, Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad, so they threaten, won't get his budget through the Knesset.

The Aguda demands, among other things, that police be wielded against doctors who perform abortions, that the bus cooperatives which contravene Sabbath rules be prosecuted, that the Petah Tikva cinema be prevented from opening on Friday nights, that more money be allocated to yeshivot. Tami has joined the Aguda on the money demands, to assure itself also of more funds to dish out to yeshivot and other interests it considers Tami strongholds.

The Likud apparently feels itself too weak to resist this final shakedown. As a result the Minister of Health, Eliezer Shostak, hurriedly promised the Aguda to get the police into action against the doctors. Not distinguished for effecting any improvements in his own infirm ministry, he would apparently prefer to intervene in police matters.

The purpose of all this last-ditch coercion by the small parties is to put them in better condition for the elections. They want to show their constituents achievements and, of course, distribute monies to put the icing on the cake.

Such coalition blackmail has become accepted practice in Israel's political system. The only way to put a stop to it, is to elect governments that would not be dependent upon small party partners.

Yet there is something particularly repugnant about a Health Minister, generally in permanent eclipse, who steps out from concealment only on political matters. Meanwhile, he presides over a ministry that consistently fails to inform the public on essential health issues, fails in many of its regulatory responsibilities, fails to hold the respect of the nation's medical community, and shields itself from public scrutiny as if it were the Mossad.

Even if right were on his side on the abortion question, Mr. Shostak would be ineffectual, because his and his ministry's performance deprives him of any standing.

THE COMING elections are going to be the most important ever held in Israel. Those who shifted their vote to the Likud in 1977 felt gratified at its performance in office. The true face of the new regime was only revealed after its second electoral victory in 1981, and the record since then is appalling.

The first time round was dominated by the Begin-Dayan-Weizman triumvirate. They made peace with Egypt and that was a tremendous achievement — in line with all that was best in the Zionist tradition.

The second phase differed from the first as day from night. Suddenly the other side of the party came to the surface. Begin formed a new triumvirate with Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan. Darkness descended on the land.

Despite the dramatic nature of the change, its extent was not visible to all. What is the difference, people say, between Begin's warlike incursion into Lebanon in 1982 and Begin-Gurion's warlike incursion into Egypt in 1956?

Why is it right to retain part of the West Bank, as stipulated in Labour's Allon Plan, and wrong to retain all of Eretz Israel when the Arabs will not agree to partition anyway?

On the surface the difference is small; beneath the surface it is tremendous.

The Sinai campaign was a war of survival. The campaign launched in 1982 also had its justification. It destroyed the PLO's state-within-a-state inside Lebanon. Arafat's weapons were aimed at Israel. His military buildup across the border was a legitimate cause for alarm.

But was it a cause for all-out war? The army's massive offensive wreaked terrible damage and loss of life over an area extending all the way to the Lebanese capital. The bombing and shelling of Beirut, shown on Israel television night after night, should have chilled the blood in the veins of all Jewish viewers.

It did not disturb the supporters of Herut. They have their excuse, the need to defeat the PLO. They did not question whether the destruction might not be excessive, whether the PLO's threadbare battalions presented a real threat to our national survival, whether we weren't using a sledge-hammer to crack a nut.

Missing is the moral dimension, and this is the point at issue. Something has happened since 1981. Previously we Israelis had

## The most important elections ever

By DAVID KRIVINE

many critics, but our reputation was clean. Today we retain a lot of friends still, but their number has shrunk. Some stay loyal with reluctance and Zionism has become a sullied word.

The Herut-dominated regime has shifted the Jewish state from the camp of the progressives to the camp of the reactionaries. There is a change of tone in Israel's policies. Under Labour, human rights in the occupied territories were respected as a matter of course, even though there were breaches of proper behaviour from time to time.

Now human rights are a legalistic obligation, no more. Beating up innocent Arabs as reprisal for stone-throwing is duly punished by the authorities, but the perpetrators are not scorned as malefactors. There is no sense of shock that Jews should behave towards Arabs as anti-Semites behave towards Jews. For the first time, a whiff of colonialism in the air.

IN THE DAYS of David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, all Israel's inhabitants were viewed as equal, regardless of race, colour or creed. The authorities sought an understanding with the Arabs: this was the basis of the Allon Plan.

The plan is not acceptable to the Likud because it involves compromise. The Likud is not prepared to compromise. The Jews have a right to Palestine which is superior to the Arab right. The Jews must fulfil that right — and the Arabs must put up with it.

This posture is new and basically different from previous policies. The Arabs are aware of the change. They had rejected Labour's peace proposal out of hand, but it still afforded a viable basis for negotiation at some future date. What Yosef Burg offers in his autonomy talks will never elicit an Arab response. The obstacles to an understanding have become impassable.

Not that the Likud are bothered. They do not expect peace and therefore do not seek it. They rely on force. Begin answered critics by pointing mockingly to Arab repudiation of the Allon Plan, which proved, he said, that even moderate policies don't work.

What he didn't say was that if the Arabs won't accept Labour's offer, they certainly won't accept the Camp David plan, which gives them less. The conclusion reached in his own mind was that force is the sole instrument of policy.

Belief in force explains the Lebanese assault in 1982. Sharon is a professional soldier, taught to express his policies through the barrel of a gun. How to solve the Palestinian problem? Eradicate the Palestinian terrorists.

Eitan applied this philosophy of force in unexpected contexts. How, for example, to achieve peace with the Arabs? Tell them that if they make war against us again, we shall not give back any of the territories we conquer. Whatever towns Israel occupies, Israel keeps. That will make sure they never attack us.

His conclusion could not be more mistaken. A declaration by the Israelis that any territories conquered will never be returned is simply going to goad the Arabs into a still more frantic hostility. Nor does killing terrorists solve anything. New terrorists spring up to replace them, and their number is legion.

There is a fatal flaw in the theory of brute force. Its validity depends on a crucial assumption, that one Israeli will be able to defeat 100 Arabs perpetually to the end of time. Therefore conciliation is unnecessary. That kind of reasoning may be suitable for Meir Kahane. It cannot be the basis of policy by any sane administration.

LABOUR SAYS: we know that we cannot at the moment reach an agreement with the Arabs over territorial compromise. Consequently, force is necessary to protect our borders; but force alone is no solution. The aim must be to achieve a peace settlement — if not now, then in the future; if not in this decade, then in the next.

Peace will be achieved one day, provided we treat the other side as human beings with rights that must be respected. Labour is willing to make sacrifices. It believes, like the Likud, that Eretz Israel is the national home of the Jewish people, but unlike Likud, it is prepared to give up a part of it all the same, in order to give the Palestinian Arabs as fair a deal as it can.

## Dry Bones



Labour does not believe that 1,000,000 Arabs should or can be annexed to the Jewish state. It is good neither for them nor for us. This is what we should be saying, loudly and repeatedly.

We would like to re-partition Eretz Israel and to surrender those areas of it which are densely inhabited by Arabs of foreign nationality. We will make that concession — in exchange for peace.

The offer is a reasonable one, all the world can see that. The Arabs may not accept it under the present circumstances but that is not a reason for revoking the proposal. The offer must remain; the door to peace has to be kept open. Under the Likud there is no hope; Israel becomes the fortress Masada.

With Labour there is a chance; with the Likud there is none. Under Labour, Israel will be restored to the community of enlightened liberal-minded nations. It will lose its present fanatic image. Both Jews and non-Jews in the West will be relieved. Even those immoderate people overseas who demand a return to pre-1967 borders will acknowledge at least that there is here something to negotiate about.

The Likud has embittered the Arabs and antagonized many

hitherto neutral onlookers. The creation of Jewish settlements all over the West Bank and the Gaza region closes the peace option for good. That is another reason why the coming elections are critical. One more spell of Likud rule, and Israel will be locked in a situation of total and permanent isolation, from which there is likely to be no exit.

THIS IS THE central issue in the coming elections. It is a crucial one, which is why the plebiscite will be fateful. The economic crisis is serious but pales into insignificance compared with the political crisis. The Likud has abused this country. It has turned Zionism into chauvinism. The result is a widespread loss of faith among the population.

When a community begins to doubt the purity of its ideals, morale is affected, and that weakens national security. Believers in the doctrine of Israel's perpetual military superiority should bear this in mind. Israel must return to its old humanistic philosophy. Those going to the ballot box should see this as a matter of the greatest urgency.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### ISRAEL'S VALUES AND U.S. ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — I am writing in response to Charles Hoffman's article "Grappling with Aliya" (January 27), which concerned itself solely with the mechanics and thus did not refer to the core issues on how to increase American aliya.

Let us first look at why Americans decide on aliya. For most, economic reasons are at best, secondary. The primary impetus is moral: the desire to fulfill one's Judaism in the only way possible, i.e. by living in a Jewish country. Americans who make, or plan, aliya are also concerned with assimilation.

With the exception of the ultra-religious and religio-nationalist fanatics, American Jews maintain certain values concerning Judaism and culture which have been affected by the American experience. Primary among these is a strong belief in democracy and the concomitant value of freedom of speech, belief (both religious and political), and of the press. Underlying this is a humanistic outlook. As a result, many, if not most, American Jews tend to be centrist, liberal, and moderate.

When looking at contemporary Israel, American Jews tend to be troubled. The polemics, rhetoric, and bombast of Begin and Sharon, not to mention their militant nationalism, have left a sour residue. The growing authoritarian trend in Israeli politics frightens Americans. And the insidious consumerism of Israelis, especially their attempts to copy every fad and fashion in the U.S. (the Smurfs being the latest), can only bring revulsion to Americans who wish to believe that by making aliya, they will be escaping the shallowness of American materialism.

If Israel, and Israelis, really want to encourage American aliya, it must look at the values it communicates to the outside world and decide whether they are consistent with the values it seeks to maintain. At the current time, the values communicated, and perhaps even the values of Israel, are such as not to prove attractive enough for Americans to leave their comforts for the uncertainty of life in Israel. This is the core issue.

DAVID J. PERVIN  
Amherst, Maine.

### DENTAL VOLUNTEER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — My wife and I just returned from Israel where I was a volunteer dentist for two months in the dental clinic in Beit Shemesh. I wish that I was able to convey our thanks and gratitude to all of the people, not only in Beit Shemesh, but in all the places that we visited while in Israel, for making by wife's and my stay such a very enjoyable one.

The people were so warm, hospitable and appreciative of our presence there and we so much enjoyed meeting them and being invited to their homes, there being so many of these caring people.

Our small, mostly free, dental clinic was filled daily with so many people, children and adults alike, needing an almost incredible amount of dental care. It seems that a possible solution to the dental problem in Israel might be a programme of dental disease prevention at school teaching the children how to brush and take care of their teeth at the earliest age, such as has existed in the United States for many years.

If young women could be trained as preventive care instructors or possibly teachers could institute regular care sessions, it would be a first step in attempting to alleviate a dental problem of tremendous magnitude.

When we first decided to volunteer, my wife and I both wondered how a couple of Lutherans would get along, but during the two months that we were in Israel we grew to love the country and its people.

After seeing the tremendous changes and achievements that have been accomplished in the unbelievably short time of 36 years, we both sincerely feel that, with the passage of a few more years, many of the problems that appear insurmountable now will become only a memory.

MICHAEL BUCHMAN, D.D.S.  
JEAN M. BUCHMAN  
Astoria, Oregon.

### KIBBUTZ VOLUNTEER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — I recently spent a couple of weeks as a volunteer on a kibbutz in the Golan Heights. I was impressed by the automation and large investment of capital in the plastics factory and also in the apple processing plant at a nearby kibbutz.

Unfortunately, I felt like, and was treated as if I were, a source of cheap labour for a capitalistic venture, rather than a volunteer doing necessary work which would remain undone without volunteers.

Those kibbutzim that choose normal capitalistic practices to enrich their members and dependents should also employ normal labour practices: competitive wages or sharing the wealth and work by increasing the number of members.

There are too many worthy causes in Israel and elsewhere where volunteers are needed and welcome. In addition, a fair exchange of services and goodwill exists between the volunteer and sponsoring organization.

DAVID E. EDWARDS  
Ein Zivan (Northport, Michigan).

### YOSEF BEGUN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — A few months ago, you published the address of Yosef Begun in order for people to write to him. I fear that he is not getting any mail, for we have been writing regularly and in the beginning of December we sent a parcel. We just got it back with the indication that reception of it had been forbidden. Although the letters, sent by registered mail, did not return, I very much suspect that they ended in the waste-paper basket of some censorship office.

Now that Begun has been transferred to some other place, could you please publish his new address as soon as you have it? I think it is important that a maximum of people write, even if it is just to show the Soviet authorities that there are people who will not forget him, never mind how far they exile him.

VALERIA BAROUCH  
Geneva.

The Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry informs us that Yosef Begun is being transferred to a new place every few days and that they have no address for him at present.

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Evidently Canada will be the first country in the free world that will adopt this very necessary programme. If Canada needs this programme, certainly Israel needs it far more desperately.

Productivity is the source of all wealth. We can't have more by producing less. Only countries that have high productivity have very low interest rates, very low inflation, very low unemployment and usually a very high trade surplus. Their currencies are strong and not devaluated constantly. These are the diseases that effect Israel to a higher degree than almost any other country in the world.

When will we ever learn?  
SAM JACOBSON  
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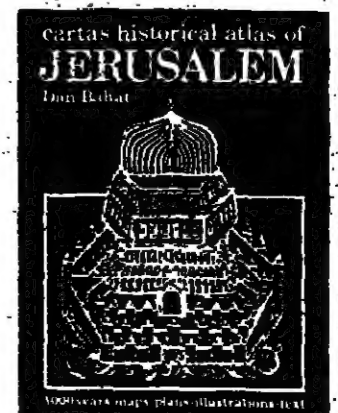
### MAIL DELIVERY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir — When we arrived in 1974, airmail from the U.S.A. arrived in five to six days. Now, delivery of letters originating in Philadelphia and New York City takes about three weeks. And some of our mail is not arriving at all. What can be done?

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